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Man found dead near 13 Fishermen

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An adult male was found dead by the beach located near the 13 Fishermen Monument on Beach Road early yesterday morning.

Early yesterday morning, traffic was observed on Beach Road while numerous police cars closed off the 13 Fishermen Monument area as

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Family time for CNMI's Evangelista after retirement

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USS RONALD REAGAN— Alexander DLG Evangelista has been in the U.S. Navy for 16 years and currently is in his third deployment with the USS *Ronald Reagan*, under the Carrier Strike Group 5 assigned to the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

He is looking to retire in the next five or six years to spend more time with his family and he plans to return to Saipan to be closer to his parents and other relatives. His brother and

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JON PEREZ

Chief petty officer Alex Evangelista is among the 5,000-member crew of the USS *Ronald Reagan* that is home-ported in Japan. He hails from Koblerville.

Senate defers action on bill to suspend austerity measures

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The Senate has postponed acting on House Bill 20-120, a legislation that would finally increase the salaries of civil service employees that were affected when the government implemented austerity measures.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) referred the bill to the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee for further review after several senators raised their concerns on the said legislation in yesterday's Senate session at the Senate

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JON PEREZ

Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan), left, confers with his colleagues Tinian Sens. Jude U. Hofschneider and Francisco M. Borja during a recess in yesterday's Senate session at the Senate Chamber at the Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building on Capital Hill.

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Woman gets 2 days of time served

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The federal court imposed yesterday a sentence of two days of time served on a woman who entered the CNMI in 2015 as a tourist from China, but the real intent was to give birth.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona followed the recommendation of assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe to slap Lichan Lu with a two-day time served and a payment of $10 in special assessment fee.

Lu and her counsel, David G. Banes, signed a plea deal with the U.S. government. She pleaded guilty yesterday to an information charging her with improper entry into the U.S. by false statement.

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Seventeen took their oath before U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy during a naturalization ceremony yesterday morning.

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The Nobel Prize in economics was awarded Monday to one American researcher for his work on the economics of a warming planet and to another whose study of innovation raises hopes that people can do something about it.

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It was 6:02 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28, and what followed over the next 10 minutes was a catastrophe remarkable even by the standards of disaster-prone Indonesia.

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Widower's petition to transfer dead wife's lands to him denied

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has denied the petition of a widower, who is a non-Northern Marianas Descent, to transfer to him his decedent's wife' two parcels of land in Chalan Piao.

In two separate orders issued Friday, Camacho said since decedent Elpidia Dela Cruz Nauta is survived by NMD issue who may own real property in the CNMI, William A. Nauta Sr., as the non-NMD surviving spouse, may not inherit an interest in the Chalan Piao properties.

Camacho ruled that Elpidia Nauta's NMD children—William Jr., Kenneth, and John—inherit the Chalan Piao properties.

William Sr. is a native of Guam. William Jr., Kenneth, and John are biological children of William Sr. and Elpidia.

Camacho further ruled that the ground lease for the Chalan Piao properties remains unsigned or unratified as to William Jr., Kenneth, and John.

Camacho

The judge said as the rightful NMD owners of the Chalan Piao properties, only Elpidia's NMD children William Jr., Kenneth, and John have the authority to sign or ratify the ground lease.

Camacho said in effect, the owner of the lease agreement is a tenant in common with William Jr., Kenneth, and John until they sign the lease or ratify such agreement.

In a separate but related order also issued last Friday, Camacho ruled that William Sr., a non-NMD widower cannot inherit lands of his decedent wife Elpidia, who was an NMD and has NMD children.

In that order granting a motion for reconsideration, Camacho said the CNMI Constitution, Article 12, Section 2 prohibits a non-NMD surviving spouse from inheriting land when a decedent has NMD issue who can own land.

Camacho ruled that since decedent Elpidia is survived by issue who are NMD and thus able to own land in the Commonwealth, the spouse, William Sr., who is a person of non-NMD, cannot acquire an interest in her Chalan Piao and Koblerville properties.

Camacho said issue is a term of art meaning "lineal descendants of all generations, with the relationship of parent and child at each generation being determined by the definitions of child and parent."

The property at issue are two lots in Chalan Piao. The court has twice previously addressed whether William Sr. may inherit an interest in the properties.

The first of the two orders, issued on Dec. 1, 2017, held that William Sr. was eligible to inherit an interest in the Chalan Piao properties, but that the lease agreement to those

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‘CUC maintains 100 pct. level of 24-hour water supply’

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has maintained providing a 24-hour water supply to 100 percent of Saipan residents, which for the first time was achieved by CUC last August.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Thursday, said they have been providing the 24-hour water supply to 100 percent level for quite some time and that they continue to maintain that.

“Our efforts are to remain at 100 percent,” said Camacho, pointing out that they are not reducing their efforts.

He said the primary goal is to get the 24-hour water supply to the consumers and that they completed that.

“Now the idea is to address the inefficiencies,” the executive director said, adding that they anticipate to continue forward.

He disclosed that right now even during peak hours, their 13 water tanks are primarily 85 percent full.

“We have sufficient supply,” he said, citing that they readjusted their programs in water and wastewater by addressing the leaks immediately as opposed from compiling them and addressing them a little time.

“The approach is the same as power. If there is an issue we come out and try to attack it,” Camacho said.

He said there is a number of leaks that don’t necessarily get addressed immediately, but that’s only because the crews are addressing other leaks.

Camacho said they are trying to fix the problem as quickly as possible.

In his presentation before the U.S. District Court for the NMI last month, CUC water/wastewater division manager Gary Byra cited a graph showing that, for the month of July 2018, 96 percent of the island’s residents had 24-hour water supply, which then improved to 100 percent in August.

Byra said the same graph showed that, in 2006, only 26 percent of the population had 24-hour water supply; that grew to 54 percent of the island’s population in 2007.

District Court designated judge David O. Carter commended the staff and officials of CUC for having 24/7 water supply for the first time on the island.

Last February, Carter raised concerns as to why some parts of the island have no 24-hour water supply as he then directed CUC and other parties to put up plans to resolve the problem.

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Judge denies man's request for more 'convenient sentence date'

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A man who pleaded guilty to striking his girlfriend with a beer can requested the court to allow him to start his sentence after a month, immediately setting off the judge.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio was a bit heated yesterday during a change of plea hearing held for Joaquin Delos Santos Jr.

Delos Santos pleaded guilty to count one assault and battery-domestic violence. Count two, disturbing the peace-domestic violence, was waived.

During his change of plea hearing, Delos Santos requested Kim-Tenorio to allow him to report to Department of Corrections after a month because he had just started a new job.

Kim-Tenorio responded saying that DOC is not a hotel to check in and check out when one pleases. "You don't get to tell me when it is convenient for you to report to jail. You committed a crime and there are consequences. You should have thought about losing your job and your relationship with your children… before you committed the crime," she said.

Kim-Tenorio denied Delos Santos's verbal request and ordered that he report to DOC immediately following the hearing yesterday.

Delos Santos was sentenced to one year in prison and credited him for the one day he already spent in prison.

Delos Santos was also sentenced to supervised probation for one year following his imprisonment. He was also ordered to complete anger management classes on top of completing 150 community service hours.

Delos Santos was also obligated to pay a fine of $550, $25 court fee, and $120 in probation fees before the expiration of his probation.

Kim-Tenorio did waive the no contact rule that would keep Delos Santos from speaking to the victim. The victim personally requested that the provision be waived so that Delos Santos can still be involved with their five children.

Delos Santos is set for a review hearing on Jan. 8, 2019 at 9am where the court will issue a judgment and conviction order.

Delos Santos was represented by Office of the Public Defender chief public defender Doug Hartig.

On July 25, 2018, Delos Santos struck his girlfriend in the face with a beer can because he was mad at her and had too much too drink.

SENATE

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Chamber at the Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building in Capital Hill.

Vice speaker Janet U. Maratita (R-Saipan) introduced H.B. 20-120 in August 2017. The bill, if it becomes a law, would provide salary increases to civil service employees that were not compensated during the government financial austerity measure. The compensation for the more than 1,000 employees amounts to $6 million.

Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Saipan), during the floor discussion, asked Palacios that the Senate should defer acting on the bill due to some issues that needs to be clarified.

Sens. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan), Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota), and Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) also had the same sentiments prompting Palacios to ask floor leader Sen. Francisco M. Borja (R-Tinian) to withdraw the motion to pass H.B. 20-120.

Palacios then referred the bill to the Fiscal Affairs Committee and instructed Hofschneider to fast track their review. "I would ask the committee to expedite their action on this particular legislation. Whether or not additional changes needs to be made."

Hofschneider said he has asked the concerned agencies—CNMI Office of Personnel Management and the CNMI Civil Service Commission—to meet with his committee to further discuss the bill.

"The implication of this particular legislation is very crucial. Although I support its intent of addressing this particular issue, I reached out to the agencies that is mandated to provide information and they've agreed," said Hofschneider.

"I asked them to meet with the [Fiscal Affairs] committee and I also asked our fiscal analyst to engage with my office to see what really is the intent of this legislation. I requested that we entertain it but at the same time I've also received critical information that some of the language of the bill may not be as originally intended."

He then asked Palacios that the Fiscal Affairs Committee further discuss the bill. "We want to clarify Mr. President that before we go on and approve the legislation that we have to be mindful that some government agencies have also resorted the same applications as far as austerity measures."

"We may have to include other agencies in this legislation. It is important to respectfully request to hold the action to this to get more clarity on what the particular legislation is asking."

Enabling bill

Maratita, in a separate interview, expressed her frustration to the Senate for not acting on the bill since the compensation to the employees affected by the austerity measures is long overdue.

"[H.B. 20-120] is an enabling legislation in order to authorize OPM to allow the payment of over 1,000 employees whose salary increases were suspended due to the austerity measures. Employees who were never given within-grade increases as accorded in the law, which states that all civil servants should be given annual WGI."

Maratita added that H.B. 20-120 is not an appropriation bill after Igisomar, during the Senate discussion, asked on how the payment would be funded. "We have funding and we have already spoken to Gov. [Ralph DLG Torres]."

"The governor had assured me that there's funding. It is like you're not going to take the governor's word. The governor had asked for this. The Attorney General, OPM, and the governor openly supported the passage of this legislation."

She said that OPM had been working with this and even gave the list of employees that were affected by the austerity measure. "This is OPM's project and they gave the certified list of employees."

"The list does not include who were not entitled like contractual employees. We got comments from OPM and they certified the list and we even forwarded a copy to the Senate. The AG has also commented on the bill."

Maratita said the employees that were affected have been waiting for the passage of the bill. "I'm just disappointed, because over 1,000 employees have been constantly calling here. I will just let them [Senate] do their due diligence because the House has already done its part."

"OPM even worked hard to send the list of employees and they certified the amount. [The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.] too has certified those employees that were under the civil service back then. This legislation is already two years and it's an election year. I don't want it to be an election issue."

She then asked the employees affected to follow up the status of the bill by calling the Senate. "What I wanted is, for those who are waiting for this bill, ask the Senate, call the Senate. The House has done its part."

MAN

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they responded to a report of a dead body found by the beach shore.

According to Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, a body of an adult male was indeed found at the scene and transported to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Guerrero did not disclose much information because he said that the case is still undergoing further investigation.

Guerrero did disclose that the death seemed to be of natural causes.

According to a credible source from the CHC, a body was transported to the CHC early yesterday morning.

Guerrero said that there was no autopsy done to the body to determine the cause of death and one cannot be made until DPS can file a report on the incident.

As of 5:30pm yesterday, the department did not have an official written report about the incident.

Guerrero said that further information would follow once DPS officers who responded to the scene produce an official report of the incident.

The *Saipan Tribune* also reached out to the Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services. They said that they would provide additional information once a report is filed by those who responded to the scene.

WIDOWER

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properties remained unsigned.

The other order regarding the Chalan Piao properties was the court's reconsideration of the first Chalan Piao order, issued last Friday.

Covered in the two separate orders also issued last Friday is William Sr.'s petition that seeks to have the Chalan Piao properties transferred to him, and the estate of Elpidia's administratrix Bernadita Dela Cruz's motion that asks for relief from an order regarding decedent's properties in Chalan Piao.

According to the court's orders, on Feb. 12, 2015, William Sr., William Jr., Kenneth, and John executed for a special power of attorney to Dr. Ignacio T. Dela Cruz to negotiate the sale or lease of the Chalan Piao properties.

The following day, Feb. 13, Dr. Dela Cruz entered into a ground lease for the Chalan Piao properties on behalf of the heirs, distributing proceeds of the lease equally amongst William Sr., William Jr., Kenneth, and John in four equal shares of $164,793.

In March 2015, William Sr., William Jr., and John revoked the special power of attorney given to Dr. Dela Cruz to act on their behalf.

The revocation stated that they were unaware that the clause in the special power of attorney stating that they would receive equal shares of the proceeds is in violation of the statute.

William Sr., William Jr., and John also claim that Dela Cruz did not forward a final draft of the lease to them for their review prior to its execution.

William Sr. ultimately challenged the distribution of the proceeds of the ground lease.

Camacho said the crux of William Sr.'s challenge was his claim that as the surviving spouse he is entitled to half of the properties.

FAMILY

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sister have already returned to Saipan. Now he looks forward in joining them.

"I'm from Koblerville. Our mom and dad are still there," he proudly told members of the CNMI media that had the chance to tour the 97,000-ton Nimitz class aircraft carrier while patrolling the waters off the Marianas last week.

"My oldest brother, Eric Evangelista, after being in Washington for a few years, moved back and now works as principal of Da'ok Academy. My sisters moved just two months ago from San Diego just to be closer to the family."

Their parents and his children are some of the reasons why he is looking forward for his retirement. "I'm about to do the same maybe in five or six years. Mom and Dad are getting older so we need to cherish the time that we've left with them."

"I plan to retire on Saipan. It's my home and so our kids can experience a little bit of Chamorro culture and lifestyle that I grew up with. They will be probably teenagers then and it will be kind of hard for them since they've been moving around."

His wife and their two kids are also in Japan where the battle group is home-ported at Yokosuka Naval Base. He's been with the Navy for 16 years and has been on board the USS *Ronald Reagan* for a year now as chief petty officer.

"A chief petty officer, the best way to explain it in the civilian sector, is I work in human resources. A personnel pay specialist. I mostly do payroll and accounting," added Evangelista, who was glad to be in the backyard of the Marianas.

"I came from a port visit in Guam. I'm happy to be here and to see some familiar faces back home. There's a lot of history on the islands with the war. Just being part of the Navy and understand how they played their role during the war makes me appreciate [Navy service] more. Especially that I came from the islands."

Evangelista said he's biased in saying that the Navy is the best among the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. "We are the world's strongest Navy. I highly recommend [the U.S. Navy]. It is a great opportunity."

"It is an honor to serve our nation. You will have sacrifices to make but there are also benefits. You get to travel, get your college education, and tuition assistance to get a degree. So, there's a little bit of something for everybody."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who led an 18-member CNMI delegation in the tour, was also glad to see a native from Saipan on board the USS *Ronald Reagan*. "I know him [Evangelista]. It was awesome to see him."

"His brother is Eric, who is the principal at Da'ok Academy. Their mom used to be a teacher at Koblerville Elementary School. It is really nice to see our folks being in the armed services."

WOMAN

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Banes agreed with Backe's recommendation to impose a two-day time served sentence.

Banes provided information about defendant's child.

Manglona ordered Lu to report to Homeland Security Investigations, Enforcement and Removal Operations Office today, Wednesday, at 10am.

The judge authorized the release of Lu's passport to Homeland Security Investigations.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on June 28, 2015, defendant Lu entered the U.S. at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

In obtaining entry, Lu, an alien and citizen of the People's Republic of China, willfully misrepresented to immigration inspectors with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection that her purpose for entering the U.S. was tourism, when in fact, her true intent was to give birth.

After receiving a tip, HSI personnel arrested Lu after she was seen at the Marina Heights II building in Puerto Rico last week.

ARC-NMI Chapter celebrates 40th anniversary

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter turned 40 yesterday as executive director John Hirsh announced yesterday during the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting.

According to Hirsh, the organization, which was formed in the CNMI 1978, was started after the NMI gained its commonwealth status in the mid-1970s after some members of the Guam chapter of the organization reached out.

"What a 40 years it has been," said Hirsh, who has been reportedly involved with the organization for 30 years—20 of which as a "paid staff member."

"Our mission is still alive and well here in the Commonwealth," he said.

Hirsh noted that among many other programs, the organization provided emergency assistance for typhoons and storms, taught thousands of children to swim, and saved lives through cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, and first aid training or assisted NMI U.S. Military families connect with their service members.

"…Whether it's doing bulk distribution, damage assessments, or even going out. We have a whole [lot of] volunteers who go out and provide emergency relief around the nation," he said.

ERWIN ENCINARES

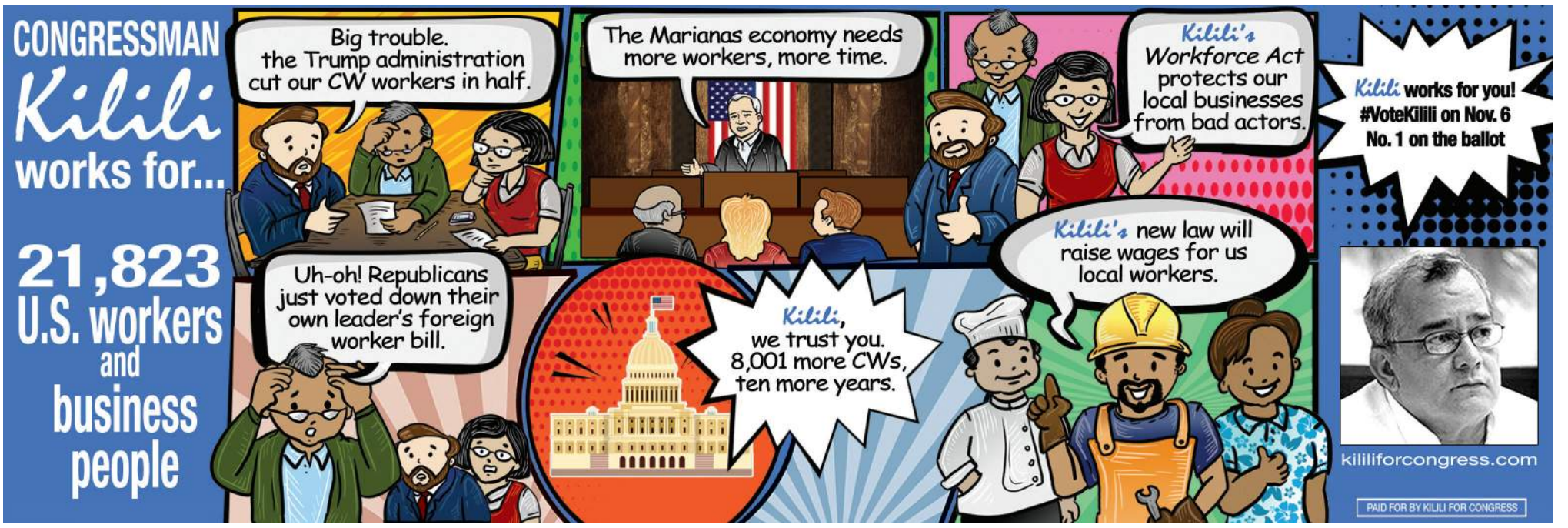
American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh shares a few words to the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday.

According to Hirsh, the NMI chapter currently has 15 "highly trained" volunteers that assisted in disasters such as 2012's Hurricane Sandy, the Sept. 11 attacks, and the California wildfires, among others, to provide assistance if needed.

"We are deploying our volunteers there to help out in those particular countries," he said.

Noting that there isn't a particular criterion for helping those in need, Hirsh said in an interview that the organization seeks to assist everybody in the CNMI.

"…There are folks that are ineligible: they might come from a foreign country, they might come from different parts of Micronesia, or they might not be able to get federal assistance, but for Red Cross particularly, we service everyone in the community," he said. ***(Erwinn Encinares)***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In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Tract No. 22916-R1 containing an area of approximately 5,472 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands office and website at www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Advance Marine Saipan Corporation. The Directors of Advance Marine Saipan Corporation. are Masaaki Kobayashi – President/Secretary, Hisahi Taniguchi – Vice President and Seong Bok Hun - Treasurer.

iii. The proposed Lease Agreement is compliant with DPL regulations. To extent it and was negotiated, discussions were by Mr. Masaaki Kobayashi. and Mr. Sean Frink.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of boat repair facility and parasailing services.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease extension is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property.

v. A copy of the proposed Extension Agreement and First Amendment to the Lease Agreement may be obtained at the office of the Secretary, Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. As of the time of this publication, the Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before 4:00 p.m. October 12, 2018 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian. 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

NUTISIAN I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku mannånå´i guini nutisia put i intensiona ni para u ma´atkila metton na tanu´ pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi hålum pupblikun hinerât siña muna´hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu´ pupbliku. Kumu mås mo´na mapribeni ginin i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi na pettanesin infotmasion manisisita na para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu´ pupbliku madiskribi kumu Tract No. 22916-R1 ni konsisisti kåsi 5,472 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi Lower Base, giya Saipan. I kopian påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku yan website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee i Advance Marine Saipan Corporation. I Direktot i Advance Marine Saipan Corporation siha si Masaaki Kobayashi – i Presidenti/Tresurâriu yan Hisahi Taniguchi – i Sigundu na Presidenti yan Seong Bok Hun - Tresurâriu.

iii. I maproponi na Kontråtan Atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha. Para u ma´ekstendi yan ginin manegosiu, i diskuti siha ginin as Siñot Masaaki Kobayashi yan Sinot Sean Frink.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha´ na rason para fasilidåt na´maolik boti yan setbisiun parasailing siha.

I tema nu i maproponi kontråtan atkilon sa benti singku (25) åñus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atkilon gi kada´ såkkan gi durântin i teman i ekstendin i atkila mapega gi pusentun nu i bålin appraised fair market i propiedåt.

v. I kopian nu i maproponi na Kontråtan Ekstendi yan i Fine´ni´na na Amendasion para i Kontråtan Atkilon siña machuli´ gi ufisinan i Sekritârian, Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku, gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building gi Dandan, giya Saipan, primet (1st) bibienda gi De'Ana Commercial Building, gi Songsong Village, giya Luta; pat i primet (1st) bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, giya Tinian. I kopia debi lokkui´ na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Kumu tiempun nu esti na pupblikasion, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ti manmarisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inefresi siha ni para ma´atkila i suhetu na tanu´ pupbliku gi Lower Base, giya Saipan.

vii. I Sekritârian Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ha aksesepta tinigi´ upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di alas kuåttru gi talu´åni (4:00 p.m.) gi Oktubri 12, 2018 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tinian. (2nd) bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building gi Dandan, giya Saipan, primet (1st) bibienda gi De'Ana Commercial Building, gi Songsong Village, giya Luta; pat i primet (1st) bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, giya Tinian.

ARONGORONGOL POMMWOL ATKKILÓÓNOL FALUWEER TOULAP

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ii. Schóól atkkilóón nge Advance Marin. Direkktoodil Advance Marine Saipan Corporation. nge Masaaki Kobayashi – President/Sekkretóóriyo, Hisahi Taniguchi – Vice President me Seong Bok Hun – Treasurer.

iii. Pommwol Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón nge e compliant ngáli mwóghutughutúl DPL. Eyoor tool igha re ppwol fengál, mwaliili sángi Mr. Masaaki Kobayashi me Mr. Sean Frink.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw bwe ebwe yoor leliyál rebwe aghatchú bwoot me ayoorai angaangil parasailing.

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vi. Atol oral arongorong yeel, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli atkkilóón iye e lo weiláng me Elal Ghaloowa, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angiingi ngáre pommw iye re siiweli sángi schóó kka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalil 4:00 p.m. Ottuubre 12, 2018 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap iye e lo Seipél, Luuta ngáre Tchiliyól. 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial building, Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól.

17 take oath as newest US citizens

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy, CARE CNMI executive director Maxine Laszlo (sitting in front at the extreme left), and Immigration Services officer Shelia Kelty (next to Laszlo) join the 17 newest U.S. citizens for a group photo at yesterday's naturalization ceremony.

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Fei Chun Hsiao, 47, a native of Taiwan, held her tears when she was taking oath before U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy as among the 17 newest U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony yesterday morning.

"I almost cried. It's still very different. I really enjoy our freedom here. I think that the most important," said Hsiao in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after the ceremony.

Hsiao and Corey Shadow, a retired American teacher, got married years ago in Taiwan. They later had another wedding in the U.S. mainland.

From South Carolina, Hsiao and Shadow moved in July 2013 to Saipan, where she applied for a job at the Marianas Visitors Authority. She was subsequently hired as a marketing specialist for greater China market, a position that she is still holding now.

Imelda S. Suguitan, 66, a native of Pampanga, Philippines, arrived on the island in October 2012 to work as a supervisor of her son's Kylie's Bakeshop and Restaurant.

Suguitan got her citizenship after her daughter petitioned her.

She said she is happy with the citizenship because she could now spend more time together with her children.

Min Jung Song, 25, a native of South Korea, felt very honored and happy because she has been waiting for her citizenship a long time.

"It was a long journey," said Song as she recalled that she first came to Saipan from South Korea in 2001 or 17 years ago.

Song studied on the island. In September 2016 she passed the NCLEX. She is now working as a nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Song got her citizenship because she joined the U.S. Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) program in March 2016.

MAVNI is a program by the U.S. Department of Defense, through which legal non-immigrants with certain critical skills are recruited into the military services.

"I didn't go to basic training yet. But I got naturalized first today, and then I will be shipping out to basic training," she said.

Song's father is a tour guide and her mother is a housewife. She has one brother and one sister.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy administered oath for the 17 newest U.S. citizens.

The Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts (CARE CNMI) executive director Maxine Laszlo, who served as the guest speaker at the ceremony, said it is really remarkable that people so much persevered to go through the naturalization process.

"I think a lot of us take our American citizenship for granted," Laszlo said. "In general we are working to make this community better."

Laszlo congratulated the newest citizens for all of their hard work.

"It's taking a long time, I'm sure many people have gone through their individual processes. But thank you for sticking with it and for helping make our country and our community better," she said in her message to the newly sworn citizens.

Laszlo will start serving as the executive director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce next week.

Aside from Hsiao, Suguitan, and Song, the other newest citizens are Virginia R. Cabrera, couple Danilo E. and Marilou L. Dela Cruz, Carmen M. Lubao, Delfin G. Lubao, Mercelita L. Maglalang, Cloven L. Pangelinan, Corazon S. Primo, Loreta T. Rangamar, Haydee A. Reyes, Laudicia C. Sanchez, Joefelin L. Santos, Ramon R. Santos, and Rosita G. Taisacan.

NEW LOCATION

Natural Nail Spa owners Merle Costelo-Hudkins and Rhea Backe with their staff at the formal opening in their new location on Gualo Rai last Sunday. "We started the business three and half years ago in Garapan and now we moved to a bigger location to better serve our customers. Aside from our usual services such as nails services, hair salon with various color treatment, makeup, waxing, and massage we are adding facial treatment, microblading, and body scrub," Hudkins said. "We cater to what our customers need and want especially with pricing. We are not expensive, we are not cheap, we are just in the median but guarantee customer satisfaction," Backe added. For more information and reservation, call (670) 233-NAIL (6245) or go to their Facebook and Instagram accounts.

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URGING MORE TRANSPARENCY IN ELECTIONS

Tina Sablan releases campaign, financial interest reports

Following through on a campaign commitment, independent House candidate Christina "Tina" Sablan (Precinct 2) has released her campaign finance report and statement of financial interest ahead of the Nov. 6 election. Both documents were filed with the Office of the Public Auditor last week; the Commonwealth Election Commission also received a copy of the campaign finance report.

"Citizens in the Northern Marianas, like citizens in other jurisdictions around the country, should have the right to know how candidates raise and spend money in elections," Sablan said.

"Campaign finance reports should be available to the public before elections, and not just after." Currently, Commonwealth law only requires candidates to file their reports within 50 days after elections.

According to Sablan's campaign finance report, as of Sept. 1, 2018, she has raised $10,347.50 in cash contributions, including $6,000 from one fundraiser held in May. Sablan has spent $7,013.36. An updated report will be filed after the Nov. 6 election.

Commonwealth law also presently requires that elected officials file their statements of financial interest with the Public Auditor at the time of taking their oath of office. OPA is required by law to keep these statements strictly confidential, unless the public official waives confidentiality.

"The purpose of these statements is to report the financial interests and potential conflicts of interest of public officials," Sablan noted.

Sablan

"These records should not be confidential," she said. "And they should be filed before elections, by all candidates."

Sablan's statement of financial interest indicates that she has not derived any income from any organization that did business with the Commonwealth government in calendar year 2017. She has not received any gifts or honoraria from non-relatives, nor does she have any direct or indirect financial interest in real estate. Sablan's statement does report employment by a unit of the government other than the CNMI government: she presently works for U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP).

"Congressman Ed Propst has introduced bills in this Legislature that would reform our campaign finance and financial interest laws, and improve transparency in our elections and government. These bills are H.B. 20-138, to enhance campaign financial reporting requirements, and H.B. 20-166, the Public Official Disclosure Act.

"Unfortunately, the present majority leadership has not allowed these bills to move forward. I support these initiatives, and if elected I am committed to working with my colleagues to see these bills through to enactment," Sablan said.

Sablan's campaign finance report and statement of financial interest can be accessed on her official campaign Facebook page, at the Office of the Public Auditor, and also by request – email tinasablan@gmail.com or call 285-3935. For more information, or to make a donation to the Committee to Elect Christina Sablan, contact Rachel Fusco, campaign treasurer, at fusco.rachel@gmail.com or Erin Camacho, campaign chair, at erinangela@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FMS Middle School PTSA today

This is to inform the families of Francisco M. Sablan Middle School that there is a PTSA meeting tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018 at 5:30pm at the school cafeteria. ***(PR)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Thursday

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11, 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. The guest speaker for the meeting will be nutritionist Hee Jae Lee.

To RSVP or for more information, call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

SINMI accepting applications for award

The Soroptimist International of the Northern Mariana Islands is now accepting applications for our annual Live Your Dream award. The completed application and two reference forms must be submitted before Oct. 10, 2018, for consideration in the judging process. For digital copies of both forms, email pbrown52@gmail.com.

These annual awards are given to women who are attending college or vocational training and who are the primary financial support for their family. A list of other requirements will be provided. The award money can be spent on whatever a recipient chooses.

Plan ahead to attend our award ceremony on Oct. 20 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan at 6pm. Ticket prices are $50. For more information, contact Pam Brown at (670) 483-9496 or Maureen Sebangiol at (670) 287-4674. ***(PR)***

KUDOS TO MAYOR CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Last week, staff from the Saipan Mayor's Office made Mount Carmel School's campus safer by clearing debris at its elementary classrooms. Mount Carmel School expresses its sincere appreciation to Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and his hardworking staff for all their help.

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Labor hosts job fair at Kagman High School

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"Job recruitment or hiring events are an essential part of our efforts to connect the CNMI's workers with employers looking to hire," said director of Enforcement Gil San Nicolas. "By hosting this job fair, the CNMI DOL is helping to strengthen our economy and support gainful employment for individuals."

"The job fair is an opportunity for job seekers to network with employers seeking qualified applicants to fill their open positions. It brings together local employers and our community's workforce to help businesses expand and positively impact the economy of the CNMI," said Division of Employment Services director Eugene Tebuteb.

"It's always an investment when we have the opportunity to promote our workforce and our special programs that we have intact to assist students and graduates alike. We'd like to thank the CNMI DOL for giving us an opportunity to join other agencies and groups at their job fair," said CNMI Scholarship administrator Rose S. Pangelinan.

Jobseekers are encouraged to contact DES for assistance with all aspects of the job search process.

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Community members carry banners and homemade signs during the recent Walk & Roll Against Domestic Violence held in Koblerville. The purpose of this event, hosted by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence and the Family Violence Task Force, is to bring community members together to help spread awareness on domestic violence and to show support for victims and survivors during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. The next Walk & Roll will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018 starting 5pm at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s parking lot.

Chamber, ITS present 'staff motivation and development' seminar

Though not every company faces the hustle and bustle of the season, each can benefit from early preparation and general understanding of their operations and employees. Self-motivated employees excel their confidence through their work and supports the overall mission of a company.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Island Training Solutions proudly present "Staff Motivation and Development", a training seminar focused towards maximizing sales and rapport through enhancing employee relationships and skill development.

With this seminar, participants will learn how their current approach to employee relationships and communications are aiding performance and loyalty in the job. This seminar will demonstrate ways to maximize sales productivity through the preparation and confidence of employees. Confidence in the workplace demonstrates its efficiency through self-motivated employees, ease in the handling of complex situations, and enthusiasm with customer relationships.

Participants will also gain knowledge in traits for sales and productivity. In addition, participants will learn the benefits of encouraging growth in employees- raising higher understanding for company goals and pride and ownership in their work. Though this training seminar is greater beneficial for management positions, training administrator, James Arenovski, assures that "line staff and other employees would all greatly benefit from this seminar".

The "Staff Motivation and Development" seminar will take place at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Conference Room (Marianas Business Plaza, 3rd Floor, Suite #315) on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 9am to 12pm. Registration fee is $50 per person for Chamber members and $55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. Reservations and advance payment are required, as seating is limited. To register, please call 670-234-7150 or email us at coordinator2@saipanchamber.com.

The Small Business Committee under the Saipan Chamber of Commerce provides a venue for all member businesses to bring ideas for the betterment of our community, to strengthen our workforce, and to retain employees. The Committee hosts educational seminars on various business topics throughout the year offered by the expertise of our Chamber members. These seminars give businesses a chance to improve the skills of managers and employees. For more information on our Small Business training seminars, visit our website at www.saipanchamber.com or email coordinator2@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

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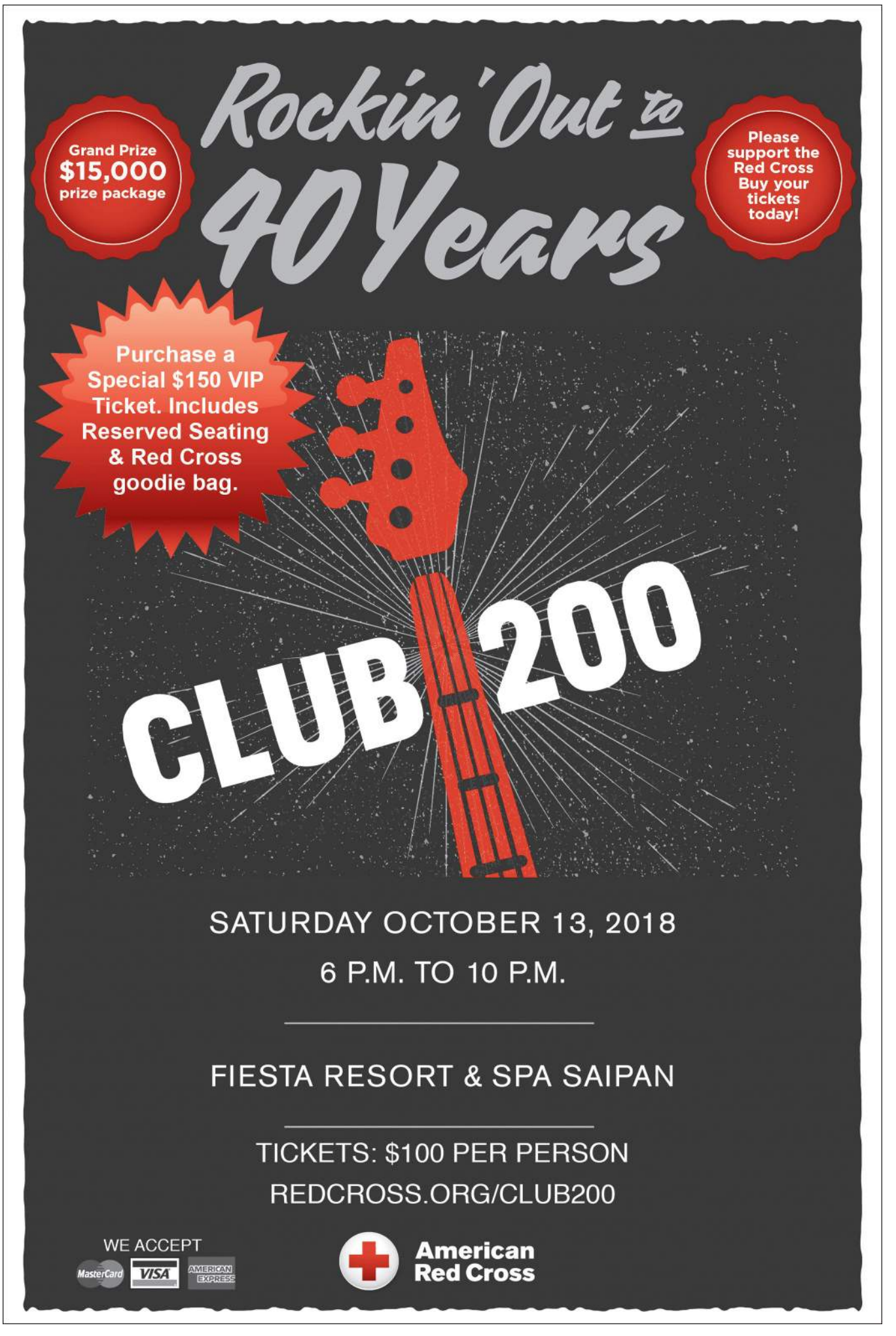
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Why did Brett Kavanaugh's friendship become Facebook's intolerance problem?

After the brutal confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, maybe now we can start to consider some of its more ridiculous tentacles. We're thinking specifically of the mind-boggling corporate crisis ignited when Joel Kaplan, Facebook's vice president for global public policy, sat quietly two rows behind Kavanaugh. The men have been friends for two decades, and Kaplan was doing what friends do, showing support.

Hundreds of Facebook employees sounded off about Kaplan in response. One poster on the company's internal message board described what Kaplan did as "a protest against our culture and a slap in the face to his fellow employees." Another wrote, "I might feel uncomfortable sharing the workplace with this person now." Kaplan's appearance, another poster implied, was a tacit dismissal of sexual assault allegations brought by women.

"Protest against our culture?" "Feel uncomfortable?" Really? The day when a person can't show up to support a friend is the day that common sense has gone off the rails.

Put aside the controversy surrounding the nomination and confirmation. Kaplan broke no company rules. He sat in support of someone he cares about. Their children grew up together. They worked together in the Bush administration.

And Kaplan, whose Facebook job is to counter perception among some conservatives that the social media giant harbors a liberal bias, is a pretty anonymous face outside the world of the tech and government elite. Kaplan didn't jeer or cheer during the proceedings. He sat quietly and respectfully.

For those who prefer perpetual political outrage to simple human decency, this was another opportunity to draw someone into the pit of tribalism. Facebook employees have the right to question the direction of their organization. That, like Kaplan's behavior, is an exercise of basic freedom. But words like "protest against our culture" and the idea that Kaplan is too tainted to work with are insidious suggestions that being Kavanaugh's friend should make a person a pariah.

At a companywide town hall Friday, Kaplan acknowledged he should have consulted his bosses beforehand. Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg, in a weak bow to political correctness, told employees that they should embrace diverse views, but that he personally was frustrated by Kaplan's attendance.

This is a swamp of hypocrisy. Keep in mind that Kaplan is employed, at least in part, because of the relationships he has developed. Would Zuckerberg have denied Kaplan the right to be with a friend during a time of stress? Is support of a friend and his family at a Senate confirmation hearing now a corporate sin? Remedial lessons in embracing political diversity and humanity may be in order.

Facebook has a huge credibility gap inside and outside the company on freedom of speech and association issues that go well beyond this incident. Facebook has talked the talk, but stumbled badly to walk it.

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I BELIEVE FAKE NEWS
I HEAR CONSERVATIVE DOG WHISTLES
I BELIEVE ELVIS IS ALIVE
I BELIEVE IN THE TOOTH FAIRY
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Bentan Botu `18

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
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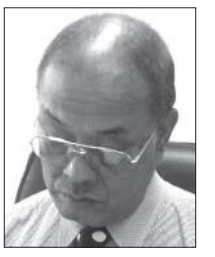

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Pa`gu na botasion gobietnu mauleg na salape` para u kilulug guine gi halum botadot. Motibu: para umasusteni i paire na linala` niha.

Ti sumaunau i futtunan i publiku guine na kuentas. I publiku katsun i dañosu na eksisiu ni debi tana` para ginen fuetsan botun mamopble. Ta chule` tatte gobietno-ta!

Siempre u fan liliku` i tropa `nai un` ma-ofresi $150-$300 para un` tatiye haye malagu` niha na kandidatu. Yahu tumuñgu` haye man-apapase kosake baina listu kestathu para i pueñgen Noche Buena. Magahet na tai fuetsa amtau na sineyu` kontra trosu na finiyut pesu.

Guaha listan haye manma-apapase. Siempre un` dia bai lagnus para infotmasion todu. Kulan ha konfitma suspechog-hu haf` na mampus silensiu i tanu`.

Personatmenti, insuttu para guahu para umafahan konsensiag-hu. Magahet na un` lañgag fuma`yu` i fektus? Haf` kinemprende-mu pot dignun tautau?

Guaha lai kontra mamahan botu ni lafotte kastiguña parehu para i mamahan yan mafahan. Hassu mauleg yangin siakassu na guaha umofresi hau salape` pot botumu. Debi un` gu`ot yan susteni dignomu kumu sudadanu.

Gatbon Isa: Hu e`ekuñgug un` bonitun kanta pot "dispues de isa". Bonitu i pineduñg palabra layeye pot uttimu na karera gi galaide huyuñg gi minachum atdau. Era kantan uttimu despedida.

Ma-deskribe i katma na tasi, kandet pution gi chagu, i hinanau pajaru gi lañget tatte gi lugat niha yan fitme na agu`ut kanai yan man-atuñgu`. Dispues ma`udai hau gi galaide para i uttimu karera esta i minachum atdau. Bonitu na sunidun despedida.

Espiritu: Un` lemlem tautau gi fina` konbetsasion yan famaguon mame mafaisen-yu` pot espiritun man-mofona. Hu establese na siha man-estaba guine antes de "hita ya mangaige gi hechuran espiritu diariu".

I manadan chat-estoria fuma birak i man-mofo`na lau man-añghet dispues de man-madispone. Mauleg este in` kemprende para ke siña in` esplikaye i famaguon miyu.

Dispues, i tafanana`an mafatoigue kulan este ti mahasñgun pot nesessidat orasion—tinayuyot. Tekun un` ratu ya un` tayuyute. Abundansia induthensia (bendision) para hagu gi kareramu. Cha`mu sesedi na u birague` para un` finana`gue respetu. Huli`e este masusedi ya huñgan na`mañau.

Man-mafattu gi hechuran guinefi-ta `sino kulan ti mahasñgun` `nai durante ha`anita mattu gi hinasso-ta. Ti maput madispacha—tekun ya un` tayuyute.

Guaha lugat siha ni trabiha ti mana` kilisyayanu. Un` siente ha` na ti akseptau hau na bisita ya debi un` fangagau dispensu antes de un` hatme lugat. Kau para un` peskan ayuyu pat binadu. Fangagau dispensu ya un` ma-ayuda `an haf` chinatsaga-mu gi taduñg na halum tanu`.

Un` guma` guine klaru na ti akseptau-yu` na bisita maseha ñgai`an. `An aksidente mattuyu` hugagau dispensu. Hinalulu-layu` dumiñgu i lugat gi primet appottunidat. Hu siente na esta pa`gu mangaige i orihinat na man-dueñun i tanu`.

Dispues, ni achog mismu lugat-ta i finattun bisitan espiritu (kau mañaina `sino hayegue`) masusesedi. Sin ditension hugagau dispensu yan huna` tinatiye ni tinayuyot-hu. Felis dispues deskansog-hu `an pueñge. Kulan siha dispues guatdian i lugat familia.

Hipokritu: I man-mananaitai epistula gi Guma` Yuus siña in` ayeg kau casino pat che`chu` i Saina? Man-malefa hamyu estorian i Santa Biblia `nai i Saina ha dulalag i mantailaye na tautau siha ginen gima` tataña? In` sapot-ta casino dispues manfotmat hamyu tinaitai ebañgheliu `an Dameñgo? Haf` na insuttu este kontra i man-mañgomprende na mañgilisyanu?

Parehu: Tantu de mama`yu` professot karisu kontra ayudun federat para i man-namase`, hana`e-yu` un` patgon hagahu ice cream un` talo`ane. `Nai hututuhun kumanu` ilegña i hagahu, "Grandpa, ginen inyun` mame food stamps coupon este na ice cream".

Ai, dehemunus de food stamps coupon hu fuegu. Acha-mañge` yan ice cream ni mafahan ni prefektu pesu! Ai na grasia ham guihe na konbetsasion. Hombre man-hoñgeyu` gi nina` siñan tautau-ta na siempre u prebeniyen maisague`. Kase dinanche finu` man-amku` na guaha `nai maulegña mamatkilu!

Lau metgut lokue` sensian kilisyanu giya guahu mina` `nai mattu gi nesessidat man-chatsaga na tautau-ta mauleg u fan mana`e ni ginagagau na ayudu. Taya` kampu sino tiempu para tafan a`setmune filosofian karisu!

Respetu: I hinanau unu yan todu mau`udai gi hilu bittun res-

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The unexpected courage of Susan Collins

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Last week, Susan Collins displayed a courage that even a 9-year-old boy could understand. Sitting next to me, he watched her televised speech on Friday afternoon and wondered aloud, "Why is everything she is saying so important?"

"Because she is doing something that a lot of people don't want her to do, and she might lose her job because of it," I told him.

"Then why is she doing it?" he asked.

And, with my eyes surprisingly tearing up, I said, "Because she believes that it is the right thing to do, as an American."

He paused, and looked at me and said, "That's really brave."

Out of the mouths of babes.

Susan Collins probably ended her political career Friday afternoon when she announced that she would vote for Brett Kavanaugh to be confirmed as our next Supreme Court justice.

It's hard to see how she will be able to overcome the wave of political animus directed at her from women who oppose Kavanaugh and their male allies. Take, for example, Bill Palmer, owner of liberal political website The Palmer Report, who tweeted out to his 216,000 Twitter followers that Collins "just threw away her career, her reputation, and her ability to ever set foot in public again," and who ended his screed with a suggestion that she do something anatomically impossible. The tweet has since been deleted, but I can't imagine Collins will ever be able to find a way to reach Palmer and his ilk.

It is hard to see how she will be able to communicate with her illusory base, those so-called moderate women who used to love her resilience and integrity and who, overnight, morphed into a brigade of shrieking, vengeful constituents.

Joan of Arc must have known when she led her troops into battle that she would likely die on the battlefield or be captured by the enemy. I'm thinking that Collins must have had similar thoughts, only that her death would be political and symbolic.

As that 9-year-old boy said, she was really brave.

Many people disagree, because they view this whole debacle through partisan eyes, and, unfortunately, it seems that Kavanaugh's confirmation has only put another nail in the coffin of bipartisanship.

The left is outraged that an accused sex offender will be on the high court. On Saturday, protesters gathered in Washington to voice their horror.

They have, of course, skipped over the part where no one has even come close to proving that he did what he was accused of doing.

The right is equally outraged that a good man has become the latest target of the #MeToo movement, a beast that has consumed men who have been accused of bad behavior on even the most flimsy and insubstantial grounds. Even when the right agrees that abuse happens, and that women have been victims, it is not enough for the supporters of #MeToo. They scream that we must "believe women." Their anger exists in a vacuum, and it seems to need no context — or, in the case of Kavanaugh, no proof.

I want to be optimistic that America will overcome this chasm between right and left, but it feels especially dismal right now. It's hard to believe that our country can overcome the hostility between the two sides of the political spectrum.

But Collins' courage should inspire us all.

Collins' act of independence, explained through an eloquent and extremely well thought out speech, should remind us of our better angels and our obligation to fairness and due process. She knew that she was risking the continuation of a life of dedicated to public service, as well as her good name and her tranquility. She is not a young woman. Hers is not a life at the beginning where these historic acts of rebellion can be forgotten, or that will dim with time. She will always be the senator, the female senator, the pro-choice, moderate female senator who allowed Brett Kavanaugh on the court. This will be her badge of honor, and her Scarlet Letter.

In all of this madness and mayhem, all of this crying and screaming, belief and disbelief, the one truly authentic and spine-chilling moment was when Susan Collins said she would not betray her values. We should all be forever grateful to her for that inherent, unexpected bravery.

Kavanaugh, Trump and the right's endless fear of a changing world

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They're scared, the Republicans.

They look like they're celebrating, but don't believe it for a minute. There's fear in that glee. Fear in the awkward high-fives. Fear in the sexist tweets and fear in the laughter.

Brett Kavanaugh is a Supreme Court justice, and many members of the once-respectable Republican Party, the ones who sold their dignity to a con man president, couldn't appear happier. They beat back those screaming ladies. They shut down the noisy broads who tried to deny them another conservative on the high court.

They ran roughshod over the process, let their nominee get away with a fit of tearful, sputtering partisan rage that lawyers and judges across the country immediately deemed disqualifying. They ponied up a sham investigation into sexual assault allegations. They let the nominee lie under oath, revealing a disregard for the truth.

The Republican Party, the president and all who shamelessly support the way Kavanaugh's confirmation was handled are, at best, a case study in malleable morality.

And now they're drinking down those liberal tears. They're savoring the suffering of women and men who stood in protest and media pundits who dared question the righteousness of their cause.

They're laughing at other people's pain.

That's not what you do when you're happy. That's what you do when you're scared. When you're telling yourself you're winning knowing full well you've already lost.

There's an image I can't get out of my head. It stuck with me through the political chaos of last week and through the weekend's predictable ascension of Kavanaugh to the high court.

It's an image of President Donald Trump at a rally last Tuesday in Mississippi. He was mocking Christine Blasey Ford, the first woman who came forward and accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault. Trump, an old man we've all heard bragging about how he used to grab women by their genitals, was gleefully mocking the things Ford couldn't remember from that night 36 years ago.

And just over his right shoulder were three other older men. They were laughing and applauding Trump's mockery. Laughing and laughing and laughing.

I'm no saint. I'm a flawed human, to be sure. But that laughter? I can't process that. I can't put myself in a position where that's funny.

Whether Ford's claim is true or not, her pain is real, and it shined a light on the pain sexual assault victims carry, often in silence. The president of the United States publicly mocked that pain. As did that trio of snickering men over his shoulder and the hundreds of others at the rally who laughed as Trump ranted.

I wanted to be mad at those men. But instead, I felt an almost devastating sadness. They're afraid of a world that's changing and will continue to change, and the only thing that has motivated them, for years now, is fear.

Fear of immigrants. Fear of women. Fear of a black president. Fear of some amorphous "other." It's an endless cycle of someone vs. them.

An entire subset of the population — a minority, to be sure, but a vocal and motivated one — has been mainlining fear and aggrievement doled out by willing pushers like Trump and Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh. It has bankrupted them of reason and blinded them to their own hypocrisy.

They laugh at Trump's jokes and then hoot and holler at a win that came illegitimately, one opposed by, to name a few: a majority of the country; retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens; and more than 1,000 law professors.

They call for the arrest of protesters, embracing their leader's baseless claims that the protesters are troublemakers paid off by a wealthy Jewish conspirator. It isn't possible that a person truly opposes their agenda — that has to be a lie to preserve their house-of-cards world.

They call for the arrest of Kavanaugh's accuser, even though days earlier they defended Kavanaugh by screaming of his right to due process. These being the same people who spent the past three years slavishly chanting: "Lock her up!"

In the wake of a moment like this — undeniably a victory for those who wanted an ideologue to seal a conservative majority on the Supreme Court — we saw celebration in the form of derisive laughter and online taunts.

But that's not happiness. It's bitterness and fear.

Sure enough, not even a day after Kavanaugh was confirmed, the high-level Republican pushers were feeding fear to the masses.

On Sunday, Trump tweeted: "You don't hand matches to an arsonist, and you don't give power to an angry left-wing mob. Democrats have become too EXTREME and TOO DANGEROUS to govern. Republicans believe in the rule of law — not the rule of the mob. VOTE REPUBLICAN!"

So an entire political party is dangerous, its members constituting an angry mob. You better be afraid of that. You better vote Republican or those angry liberals are going to destroy you and everything you hold dear.

That's pathetic. And it's sad.

Seeing Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court is a gut punch to liberals and anyone who believes this country has better to offer.

But don't mistake Republican celebrations for joy. They're scared of the changes they can't stop, even though they're as welcome as anyone to be part of a changing world.

That's their conundrum. I won't let it anger me. I'd rather fight on, full-throated, so those changes come fast.

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petu. Ti maput na kuentas. I mayamag basu ti famaulikun kontodu i ka`ka`. Un` adahe pot no u poduñg ya umadesgrana `sino mayamag. Estague` inadahen respetu. Sentidu!

Yangin un` hasñgune i otru ti kilisyanu na disposision siempre ha adahegue` gi otru birada. Mafañagu minasa` gi entalu` miyu. Makat un` gana tatte korasoña muchumas, respetuña.

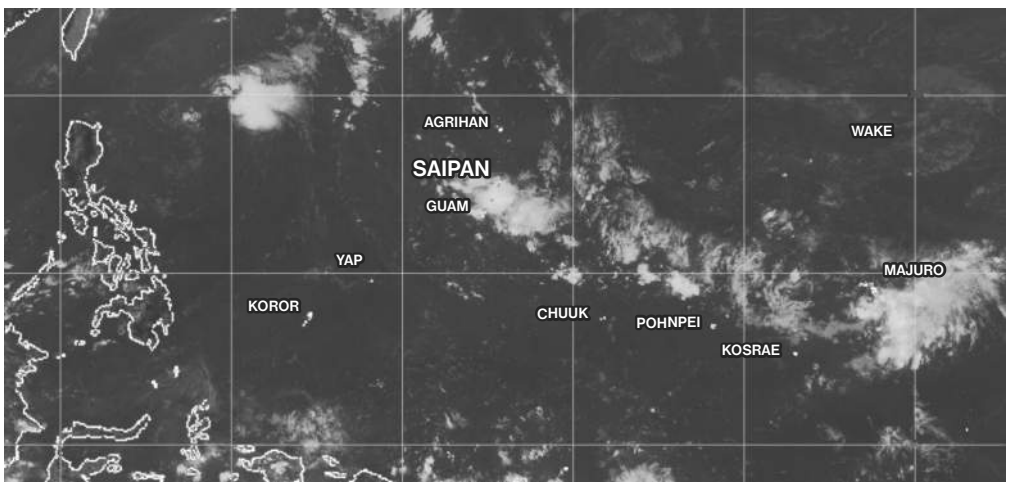
Huli`e metgut na sensian respetu gi as nanahu. Bastara ke sumen popble yan dibota ha suñgun todu i mattu giya guiya. Tatnai fatta hafaisen i Saina minesñgun, hinimiddi yan pinasensia para bendision famaguoña. Magahet ha lulog ham respetu estake in` diñgu i pettan sanmena.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼77°	▲90° ▼78°	▲90° ▼78°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:53 AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No change made to forecast. An upper-level low could be found north of Pagan. Monday night`s scatterometer analysis hints at a weak trough near the local area. As with yesterday, few showers and thunderstorms developed south of the upper-low this morning. Satellite imagery also shows patches of showers near the Marianas. GFS and ECMWF both hint at a brief period of near scattered showers over the Marianas during the first part of the afternoon. Certainty in the scattered showers is not too high, but kept isolated showers and thunderstorms in the forecast as light winds this afternoon, daytime heating, the weak surface trough, and the upper low may equal isolated thunderstorms today. Models show only patches of showers tonight through Thursday and expect only partly cloudy skies and isolated showers at that time. Trade-wind convergence will produce an increase in clouds starting Thursday night and persisting through Sunday. Winds will be light the next few days, high pressure building out over the Northwest Pacific will elevate the winds slightly Wednesday through Thursday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Palau	Mostly Sunny	87° / 79°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	87° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	61° / 52°
Beijing	Sunny	66° / 37°
Hong Kong	Showers	81° / 72°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 75°
London	Sunny	73° / 61°
Los Angeles	Sunny	73° / 60°
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Sunny	68° / 45°
Miami	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
New York	Partly Cloudy	80° / 72°
Osaka	Cloudy	70° / 61°
Paris	Sunny	79° / 59°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	64° / 50°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	77° / 63°
Salem	Thunderstorms	84° / 71°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	61° / 53°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	61° / 43°
Tokyo	Showers	77° / 64°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	82° / 73°

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
2:17 AM	LOW TIDE	0.14
8:19 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.00
2:34 PM	LOW TIDE	0.45
8:15 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.00

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:07 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	5:59 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	6:52 AM	7:01 PM	-
Thursday	7:47 AM	7:46 PM	-
Friday	8:42 AM	8:31 PM	-
Saturday	9:36 AM	9:18 PM	-
Sunday	10:28 AM	10:05 PM	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA105	4:55am	5:41am	3, 5
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	8:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	8:45am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	8:45am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:30am	8:25am	1
UO43	6:00am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	8:45am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
UA104	11:30pm	12:16am+1	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ625	8:40pm	2:10am+1	7
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174 via GUM	10:25pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
PR110/UA174	10:55pm	7:45am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:25am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:30am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
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IPI's active role during 2nd CNMI Indigenous Cultural Expo

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC through its Corporate Social Responsibility played an active role in the successful staging of the recently concluded 2nd Annual CNMI Indigenous Cultural Expo last Oct 8.

Imperial Pacific International's CSR—the community outreach arm of the largest private sector employer in the region—joined more than 50 key individuals, government and private sector organizations in the event held over-the-weekend, which also attracted its largest number of participants yet again. The expo celebrated and promoted the indigenous culture.

IPI-CSR staff Chandis Cooper also served as vice chairperson on the event committee. ***(PR)***

Medicinal plants were given away to students.

J.R. Brel, an IPI-CSR staff, prepares plates made from banana leaves.

Scotty Leon Guerrero setting up Imperial Pacific International's feather flag.

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IPI Corporate Social Responsibility team members Martin, Alex, and J.R. create plates made out of banana leaves for food tasting.

Weaved traditional hats and baskets by Steven Van Winkle and Pete Matagolai.

IPI's Maria Manalo, second left, assists with the registration.

IPI's Corporate Social Responsibility also assisted in the water station. From left to right, Jowl Naputi, Melina Salas, Jaclyn Litulumar, and Martine Pnagelinan.

Local taro, sweet potatoes, and yam on display.

Another highlight, food baskets woven from coconut fronds were stuffed with *lemai* and sweet potatoes.

Coconut oil and shell jewelry by Mike Naputi.

Business

2 Americans win econ Nobel for work on climate and growth

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Just a day after a United Nations panel called for urgent action on climate change, the Nobel Prize in economics was awarded Monday to one American researcher for his work on the economics of a warming planet and to another whose study of innovation raises hopes that people can do something about it.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the $1 million prize Monday to William Nordhaus of Yale University and to Paul Romer of New York University.

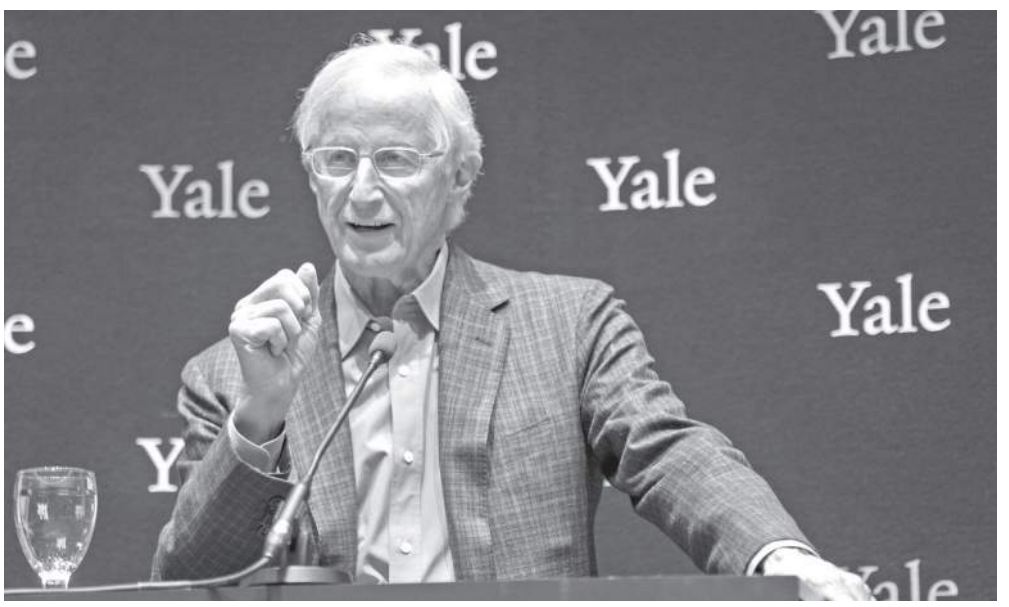
Nordhaus, 77, who has been called "the father of climate-change economics," developed models that suggest how governments can combat global warming. He has endorsed a universal tax on carbon, which would require polluters to pay for the costs that their emissions impose on society.

Romer, 62, who has studied why some economies grow faster than others, has produced research that shows how governments can advance innovation. At a news conference Monday at NYU, Romer said his research left him optimistic that society can solve even a threat as challenging as the warming of the planet.

"Many people think that dealing with protecting the environment will be so costly and so hard that they just want to ignore the problem," Romer said. "I hope the prize today could help everyone see that humans are capable of amazing accomplishments when we set about trying to do something."

AP

Paul Romer, co-winner of the 2018 Nobel Prize for Economics, speaks at a news conference at the Stern School of Business of New York University, in New York, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.



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Yale University Professor William Nordhaus, one of the 2018 winners of the Nobel Prize in economics, speaks about the honor Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in New Haven, Conn.

At a separate news conference at Yale, Nordhaus suggested that there was "pretty widespread acceptance" of climate change science outside the United States, and he expressed optimism that the United States would come around.

Referring to the Trump administration's resistance, Nordhaus said: "I think we just need to get through what is a difficult period. But I'm extremely confident it will happen."

Sunday's report from the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change declared that managing climate change could prove a matter of life and death. It argued that failing to prevent just one extra degree of heat could expose countless people and ecosystems to life-threatening conditions over the next few decades.

Unlike Romer and Nordhaus, the panel of scientists who produced the U.N. report expressed little hope that the world will rise to the challenge. Still, in a 782-page document that explicitly cited Nordhaus' work, the U.N. organization spelled out the difference that a single extra degree of heat could make on this fast-warming planet.

If world leaders could agree on ways to limit future human-caused warming to just 0.9 degrees Fahrenheit (a half degree Celsius), instead of the globally agreed-upon goal of 1.8 degrees F (1 degree C), the Earth's weather, health and ecosystems would be in far better shape.

Half as many people would lack water. Fewer people would die or get sick from heat, smog and infectious diseases. Seas would rise nearly 4 inches (0.1 meters) less. There would be fewer heat waves, downpours and droughts.

In the 1970s, Nordhaus, already alarmed by the threat of global warming, began working on potential solutions. Gradually, he developed models to guide policymakers in balancing the economic costs and the societal benefits of combating carbon emissions. Nordhaus concluded that the most efficient approach was to deploy carbon taxes, applied uniformly to different countries.

By using a tax rather than government edicts to slash emissions, the policy encourages companies to find innovative ways to reduce pollution—and their tax burden. Versions of a carbon tax have been used in Europe but have yet to be adopted in the United States.

In boon for farmers, Trump lifting restrictions on ethanol

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration is moving to allow year-round sales of gasoline with higher blends of ethanol, a boon for Iowa and other farm states that have pushed for greater sales of the corn-based fuel.

President Donald Trump is expected to announce he is lifting a federal ban on summer sales of high-ethanol blends during a trip to Iowa on Tuesday.

The long-expected announcement is something of a reward to Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley, who as Senate Judiciary Committee chairman led a contentious but successful fight to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. The veteran Republican lawmaker is the Senate's leading ethanol proponent and sharply criticized the Trump administration's proposed rollback in ethanol volumes earlier this year.

At that time Grassley threatened to call for the resignation of the Environmental Protection Agency's chief, Scott Pruitt, if Pruitt did not work to fulfill the federal ethanol mandate. Pruitt later stepped down amid a host of ethics investigations.

A senior administration official said Monday that the EPA will publish a rule in coming days to allow high-ethanol blends as part of a package of proposed changes to the ethanol mandate. The official spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of Trump's announcement.

The change would allow year-round sales of gasoline blends with up to 15 percent ethanol. Gasoline typically contains 10 percent ethanol.

The EPA currently bans the high-ethanol blend, called E15, during the summer because of concerns that it contributes to smog on hot days, a claim ethanol industry advocates say is unfounded.

In May, Republican senators, including Grassley, announced a tentative agreement with the White House to allow year-round E15 sales, but the EPA did not propose a formal rule change.

The senior administration official said the proposed rule intends to allow E15 sales next summer. Current regulations prevent retailers in much of the country from offering E15 from June 1 to Sept. 15.

Lifting the summer ban is expected to be coupled with new restrictions on trading biofuel credits that underpin the federal Renewable Fuel Standard, commonly known as the ethanol mandate. The law sets out how much corn-based ethanol and other renewable fuels refiners must blend into gasoline each year.

The Renewable Fuel Standard was intended to address global warming, reduce dependence on foreign oil and bolster the rural economy by requiring a steady increase in renewable fuels over time. The mandate has not worked as intended, and production levels of renewable fuels, mostly ethanol, routinely fail to reach minimum thresholds set in law.

The oil industry opposes year-round sales of E15, warning that high-ethanol gasoline can damage car engines and fuel systems. Some car makers have warned against high-ethanol blends, although EPA has approved use of E15 in all light-duty vehicles built since 2001.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers, many from oil-producing states, sent Trump a letter last week opposing expanded sales of high-ethanol gas. The lawmakers called the approach "misguided" and said it would do nothing to protect refinery jobs and "could hurt millions of consumers whose vehicles and equipment are not compatible with higher-ethanol blended gasoline."

The letter was signed by 16 Republicans and four Democrats, including Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, and Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, a key Trump ally. New Jersey Democratic Sen. Robert Menendez, whose state includes several refineries, also signed the letter.

Pakistan to seek IMF loan to avert meltdown

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan says it will seek a bailout loan from the International Monetary Fund to address a mounting balance of payments crisis, Finance Minister Asad Umar said Monday.

Umar said he will hold talks with IMF officials later this month.

Analysts say Pakistan hopes to secure $8 billion in loans to avoid an economic meltdown. It also wants fresh loans from China, which has already invested heavily in roads and the energy sector.

After a visit last week, the IMF issued a report saying Pakistan is facing significant economic challenges, with declining growth, high fiscal and current account deficits, and low levels of international reserves.

IMF senior economist Harald Finger, who led the visit, said the problems mostly stemmed from an overvalued exchange rate and excessively easy credit.

"The fast rise in international oil prices, normalization of U.S. monetary policy, and tightening financial conditions for emerging markets are adding to this difficult picture. In this environment, economic growth will likely slow significantly, and inflation will rise," he said in a statement.

Washington, which recently suspended military aid to Pakistan over its alleged failure to crack down on the Taliban, has expressed concern about IMF funds being used to repay Chinese loans.

Pakistan has been approaching the IMF since the 1980s, and received a $6.7 billion loan in 2013.

The IMF report said Pakistan's government has already begun moving in the right direction but had not gone far enough.

"Decisive policy action and significant external financing will be needed to stabilize the economy," it said.

It urged the government to relax controls on its currency and to do more to help the poor to help lay the foundations for sustainable growth.

Nation

Hurricane Michael gains strength on course for north Florida

MIAMI (AP)—Michael gained new strength over warm tropical waters amid fears it would swiftly intensify into a major hurricane before striking Florida's northeast Gulf Coast, where frantic coastal dwellers are boarding up homes and seeking evacuation routes away from the dangerous storm heading their way.

A hurricane hunter plane that bounced into the swirling eye of Michael off the west tip of Cuba late Monday found wind speeds were rising even as forecasters warned the storm could reach major hurricane status with winds topping 111 mph (179 kph) by Tuesday night. Anticipated landfall is expected Wednesday on the northeast Gulf Coast, where authorities warned of a potentially devastating strike.

By late Monday, Michael's top sustained winds had risen some to 90 mph (144 kph) as it headed north at 12 mph (19 kph). The storm was centered about 450 miles (724 kilometers) south of Apalachicola. Hurricane-force winds extended outward up to 35 miles (56 kilometers) from the core and tropical-storm-force winds out 175 miles (280 kilometers). Hurricane-force winds extended outward up to 35 miles (56 kilometers) from the core and tropical-storm-force winds out 175 miles (280 kilometers). Michael was lashing western Cuba on Monday with heavy rains and strong winds.

Forecasters warned Michael could dump up to a foot (30 centimeters) of rain in western Cuba, potentially triggering flash floods and mudslides in mountain areas.

On the Florida Panhandle, Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan bluntly advised residents who choose to ride out the storm that first responders won't be able to reach them during or immediately after Michael smashes into the coast.

"If you decide to stay in your home and a tree falls on your house or the storm surge catches you and you're now calling for help, there's no one that can respond to help you," Morgan said at a news conference.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott called Michael a "monstrous hurricane" with a devastating potential from high winds, storm surge and heavy rains. He Scott declared a state of emergency for 35 Florida counties from the Panhandle to Tampa Bay, activated hundreds of Florida National Guard members and waived tolls to encourage those near the coast to evacuate inland.

He also warned caregivers at north Florida hospitals and nursing homes to do all possible to assure the safety of the elderly and infirm. Following Hurricane Irma last year, 14 people died when a South Florida nursing home lost power and air conditioning.

"If you're responsible for a patient, you're responsible for the patient. Take care of them," he said.

In the small Panhandle city of Apalachicola, Mayor Van Johnson Sr. said the 2,300 residents are frantically preparing for a major hurricane strike that could be unlike any seen there in decades. Many filled sandbags and boarded up homes. Residents also lined up to buy gas and groceries even as evacuations—both voluntary and mandatory—were expected to pick up the pace Tuesday.

"We're looking at a significant storm with significant impact, possibly greater than I've seen in my 59 years of life," Johnson said of the city, straddling the shore of Apalachicola Bay, a Gulf of Mexico inlet that reaps about 90 percent of Florida's oysters.

Mandatory evacuation orders were issued for residents of barrier islands, mobile homes and low-lying coastal areas in Gulf, Wakulla and Bay counties.

In a Facebook post Monday, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office said no shelters would be open because Wakulla County shelters were rated safe only for hurricanes with top sustained winds below 111 mph (178 kph). With Michael's winds projected to be even stronger than that, Wakulla County residents were urged to evacuate inland.

"This storm has the potential to be a historic storm, please take heed," the sheriff's office said in the post.

High winds weren't the only danger. Parts of Florida's curvy Big Bend could see up to 12 feet (3.7 meters) of storm surge, while Michael also could dump up to a foot (30 centimeters) of rain over some Panhandle communities as it moves inland, forecasters said.

AP

Tallahassee Mayor and Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Andrew Gillum, left, helps Eboni Sipling fill up sandbags in Tallahassee, Fla., Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

California homeowners: Wildfire cleanup made matters worse

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)—One year after wildfires devastated Northern California's wine country and destroyed thousands of homes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' first experience cleaning up after a wildfire has turned into an expensive bureaucratic mess. The state's top emergency official suspects fraud played a role.

In October 2017, state and local officials lacked the resources to quickly clear still-smoldering toxic debris from 4,500 homes destroyed by a wildfire in and near Santa Rosa. So the Army was called in.

The Army was in charge of awarding $1.3 billion in cleanup contracts to three contractors, which hired dozens of smaller companies to haul away the debris and dispose of it in landfills. The hauling companies were paid by the ton. The more they hauled, the more they earned.

The first complaints started almost as soon as the first dump truck was loaded in November. Homeowners said workers dug too deep and took too much dirt from their lots. Driveways, retaining walls and sidewalks that had not been damaged ended up damaged or removed, the homeowners said.

By the summer, nearly 1,000 homeowners had flooded the Army, state and local officials with complaints. After contractors hauled away 2 million tons (1.8 million metric tons) of debris, the U.S. Army Corps declared that its mission had been accomplished and left without responding to homeowners' complaints, Sonoma County Supervisor Shirlee Zane said.

"These folks were traumatized by the fire and then traumatized again by the cleanup," said Zane, who represents Santa Rosa's hardest-hit neighborhoods. "Someone needed to help us."

In August, Zane and other Sonoma County officials went to the state capitol in Sacramento and persuaded the California Office of Emergency Services to fix what the Army would not.

Director Mark Ghilarducci said the Office of Emergency Services has spent millions repairing the damage, and more work remains. In a letter last month to the Army, Ghilarducci demanded that the Army reimburse the state and come back to California to fix the lots still in need of repair.

Limo company operator has history as FBI informant

NEW YORK (AP)—The owner of a limousine company in the crash that killed 20 people was someone already familiar to law enforcement, but not in the way you might think.

The company is owned by Pakistani immigrant Shahed Hussain, according to federal transportation records. Before the tragedy, authorities knew him best as a paid government informant in the investigation of domestic terrorist threats after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Hussain's company, Prestige Limousine, said Monday it is investigating what caused Saturday's crash in Schoharie, New York, and has met with state and federal authorities. A lawyer for the company wouldn't comment further.

In 2009, the government credited Hussain with rooting out radical Muslims in an elaborate sting at a mosque in Newburgh, a city north of New York. At trial, the jury heard testimony that Hussain was posing as a wealthy representative of a Pakistani terrorist organization.

He drove a BMW and other luxury vehicles provided by the FBI to maintain his cover. He also made hundreds of hours of video and audio tapes of the defendants picking targets for jihad and ranting against Jews. His cooperation resulted in the conviction of four men in a thwarted plot to attack synagogues and shoot down military planes.

But Hussain's work also came under attack by defense attorneys and civil liberties groups as entrapment. They portrayed him as a master manipulator who entrapped a crew of aimless nobodies while earning $96,000 for his work.

Even U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon said at sentencing that she was not proud of the government's role in the plot.

"I believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that there would have been no crime here except the government instigated it, planned it and brought it to fruition," McMahon said. She added, "That does not mean there was no crime."

According to his own trial testimony, Hussain first entered the U.S. in Texas with his wife and two sons in the 1990s and went to Albany, where he received asylum. In April 2003, he was working as a government translator when he pleaded guilty to a federal fraud charge for helping someone get their driver's license illegally.

He got a sentence that required no more jail time by working as an FBI informant.

Hussain was a central player in an FBI sting targeting an Albany pizza shop owner and an imam who were convicted of money laundering and conspiring to aid a terrorist group. Both defendants said they were tricked by Hussain during the sting, which involved a business loan using money from a fictitious missile sale.

More recently, a botched sting involving Hussain in Pittsburgh became the subject of a documentary called "(T) error." The target described on Facebook how after meeting the informant he had the "feeling that I had just played out a part in some Hollywood movie where I had just been introduced to the leader of a 'terrorist' sleeper cell."

Asked Monday about Hussain, the FBI wouldn't comment.

Asia

Pompeo: 'Significant progress' made on NKorea denuke trip

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday that he and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made "significant progress" toward an agreement for the North to give up its nuclear weapons. While significant work remains to be done, he said he expected further results after an as-yet unscheduled second summit between Kim and President Donald Trump.

"It's a long process," Pompeo told a small group of reporters in the South Korean capital of Seoul where he traveled after meeting with Kim in Pyongyang on Sunday. "We made significant progress. We'll continue to make significant progress and we are further along in making that progress than any administration in an awfully long time."

He would not be specific but said he and Kim had agreed to shortly begin working-level talks on the nuts and bolts of denuclearization, on the placement of international inspectors at one of North Korea's main nuclear facilities, and had come close to finalizing a date and venue for the next Kim-Trump summit.

Trump, tweeting from Washington shortly after Pompeo left North Korea, cited progress Pompeo had made on agreements he and Kim came to at their June meeting in Singapore and said, "I look forward to seeing Chairman Kim again, in the near future.'

AP

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo meets with China's State Councilor Yang Jiechi's speech at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

Pompeo said he and Kim had gotten "pretty close" to fixing the logistics for the summit but stressed that "sometimes that last inch is hard to close."

"Most importantly, both the leaders believe there is real progress that can be made, substantive progress that can be made at the next summit and so we are going to get it at a time that works for each of the two leaders and at a place that works for both of them," he said. "We are not quite there yet. But we will get there."

North Korea's state-run news agency KCNA, meanwhile, said Monday that Kim had "expressed his will and conviction that a great progress would surely be made in solving the issues of utmost concern of the world and in attaining the goal set forth at the last talks with the projected second DPRK-U.S. summit talks as an occasion." DPRK is the acronym for the country's official name: Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In an early Monday dispatch, KCNA called the talks "productive and wonderful" and said that "mutual stands were fully understood and opinions exchanged."

In Seoul, before leaving for talks with Chinese officials in Beijing, Pompeo said Kim is expected soon to name deputy foreign minister Choe Son Hui as a counterpart for his new special envoy for North Korea, former Ford executive Stephen Biegun, who accompanied him on the trip. He and Biegun both said they expected meetings at the working level to begin soon and become quite frequent before the next summit.

"We are starting to see a first wave of actions we can take on all four pillars of the Singapore communique," said Biegun, who will serve as Pompeo's pointman in negotiations with the North as well as work with South Korea, Japan, China, Russia and other countries that have an interest in the talks.

In Pyongyang on Sunday, Pompeo and Kim met for about 3 1/2 hours, first in a business session and then in a 90-minute luncheon that the North Korean leader hosted at a state guesthouse, according to the pool report from the lone U.S. journalist allowed to accompany Pompeo on his Asia trip.

"It's a very nice day that promises a good future for both countries," Kim told Pompeo through an interpreter as they sat down for the meal.

"Yeah, so we had a great, great visit this morning," Pompeo replied.

Before visiting Pyongyang, Pompeo held talks in Tokyo with Japan's prime minister, and pledged that the Trump administration would coordinate and unify its strategy for denuclearization with its allies. Japan has been wary of the initiative, but South Korea has embraced it.

China says detained former Interpol chief accused of bribery

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities scrambled to contain a public relations mess over the disappearance of the former Interpol president during his trip home to China, saying Monday that he was being lawfully investigated for bribery and other crimes.

But the government's announcement did little to address concerns raised about the risks of appointing Chinese officials to leadership posts in international organizations. On Monday, the acting Interpol president told The Associated Press the agency had not been informed in advance of the Chinese probe into Meng Hongwei, who is also China's vice minister of public security.

On Sunday, Meng's wife made a bold public appeal from France to the international community to help locate her husband. The appeal—especially unusual for senior Chinese officials—cast an unwelcome light on extralegal detentions that have increasingly ensnared dissidents and allegedly corrupt or disloyal officials alike under President Xi Jinping's authoritarian administration.

In a sign of the urgent and possibly unplanned nature of the investigation, the Ministry of Public Security said in an announcement that top ministry officials met in the early hours of Monday to discuss Meng's case. The announcement said Meng was being investigated for accepting bribes and other crimes that were a result of his "willfulness."

"We should deeply recognize the serious damage that Meng Hongwei's bribe-taking and suspected violations of the law have caused the party and the cause of public security and deeply learn from this lesson," said the announcement about the meeting, chaired by Minister Zhao Lezhi.

Meng is the latest high-ranking official to fall victim to a sweeping crackdown by the ruling Communist Party on graft and perceived disloyalty. Most officials investigated by anti-graft authorities are quietly spirited away for questioning, cut off from contact from their families and not allowed access to lawyers, sometimes for months.

But that wasn't how it played out with Meng, 64, whose unexplained disappearance while on a trip home to China late last month prompted the French police to launch an investigation. The French government and Interpol also made their concerns known publicly in recent days.

By late Sunday night, China issued a terse announcement that Meng was in the custody of party investigators, and shortly after, Interpol said Meng had resigned as the international police agency's president. Meng could not be reached for comment.

The revelation that Chinese authorities would be bold enough to forcibly make even a senior public security official with international stature disappear has cast a shadow over the image Beijing has sought to cultivate as a modern country with the rule of law.

Australia mulls banning some immigrants from biggest cities

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Starting a new life in Australia might not come with views of the Sydney Opera House or surfing at Sydney's Bondi Beach with the government considering a ban on some immigrants from settling in big cities.

Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population Alan Tudge said Tuesday that his government wants to cut the number of immigrants moving to Sydney and Melbourne in a bid to reduce congestion in Australia's two biggest cities.

Tudge said placing conditions on visas that force immigrants to stay in less popular centers for several years would increase the likelihood that they would settle in those places permanently.

"Nearly every visa has conditions attached to it, so it wouldn't be unusual to have a geographic attachment to a particular visa," Tudge told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Australia is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world, but has long had a high proportion of its population — currently 25 million people — living in cities. Around two in every five Australians live in Sydney and Melbourne alone.

The government is considering banning immigrants from settling in Sydney and Melbourne for five years after they arrive in the country, The Australian newspaper reported.

Australia has the fastest population growth of any advanced Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development country other than Canada, growing 1.6 percent a year. But the population of Melbourne grew last year by 2.7 percent, the population of the southeast corner of Queensland state around Brisbane and the Gold Coast grew by 2.3 percent, and Sydney grew by 2.1 percent.

The main driver of population growth in Sydney and Melbourne was overseas migration, with 87 percent of skilled migrants to Australia and almost all refugees gravitating to those cities. Growth in the Brisbane-Gold Coast region reflected higher levels of population shift within Australia and a higher birthrate.

Tudge said some categories of immigrants would be exempt from geographic blocks. Migrants who were sponsored by employers would be able to work where employers need them and those on family reunion visas, typically a foreigner marrying an Australia, would also be free to live where they chose. Sponsored employees make up 25 percent of Australia's immigrant intake and family reunion visas make up 30 percent.

Marion Terrill, an expert on cities and transport from the Melbourne-based Grattan Institute think tank, said governments need to improve infrastructure in major cities rather than curb population growth.

World

Venezuelan opposition denies jailed politician took own life

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—The disputed jailhouse death of an opposition councilman arrested on allegations of plotting to kill President Nicolas Maduro has triggered alarm among many Venezuelans and swift condemnation from several foreign dignitaries.

Venezuela's government said on Monday that Fernando Alban took his own life by leaping from the 10th floor of the state intelligence agency's headquarters. But opposition leaders denied the official version and a few dozen of Alban's supporters gathered outside the building yelling "Maduro killer!" contending that he had been murdered.

"There's no doubt this was an assassination," opposition leader Julio Borges said in a video from exile in neighboring Colombia, without providing evidence of his claim. "The only thing left for this government is torture, violence and destruction."

AP

Staff members of jailed councilman Fernando Alberto Alban Salazar embrace outside the Bolivarian National Security Service (SEBIN) headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

Alban, 56, was taken into custody Friday at Caracas' international airport upon arriving from New York, according to his lawyer. He was in the U.S. accompanying other members of his First Justice party for meetings with foreign dignitaries attending the United Nations General Assembly.

While Venezuelans last year watched as dozens of youths were killed in violent street battles with security forces, the death of activists or government opponents while in state custody is a fate more associated with the far deadlier, right-wing dictatorships that dominated much of South America in the 1970s.

The opposition claims that more than 100 Venezuelans opposed to Maduro are being held as "political prisoners," some for more than four years, with little access to the outside world and their legal rights routinely trampled on. The government denies they are political prisoners.

Some compared the incident with Alban to another suspicious death from Venezuela's own dark past: the passing in prison in 1976 of socialist militant Jorge Rodriguez, the father of current Vice President Delcy Rodriguez and her brother, also named Jorge Rodriguez, a top aide to Maduro. Also considered a suicide in its day, Rodriguez is now deemed to have died from injuries suffered from torture.

Borges, who led the delegation to the U.N., said Alban's wife told him that her husband had been under intense pressure to testify against him in the ongoing probe into the alleged plot in early August to kill Maduro using two drones loaded with explosives.

More than two dozen people have been jailed on suspicion of involvement in the plot, which Maduro claims was orchestrated by Borges with the support of Colombia and the U.S.

Chief prosecutor Tarek William Saab ordered an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Alban's death, which he classified as a suicide.

In brief comments on state TV he said Alban was in the waiting room of the Caracas headquarters of Venezuela's intelligence police waiting to be transferred to a courthouse when he asked to use the bathroom. He then threw himself from the 10th floor of the building,

Republican Sen. Bob Corker, the outgoing chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who is in Venezuela for meetings with Maduro and his opponents, called Alban's death while in the government's custody "disturbing."

"The government has a responsibility to ensure all understand how that could have happened," he said in a message posted on Twitter.

Also expressing concern was Venezuela's Catholic bishops' conference and Luis Almagro, the head of the Organization of American States and a sharp critic of Venezuela's socialist government, who called Alban's death "the direct responsibility of a torturing and homicidal regime."

"This criminal dictatorship should leave Venezuela now," he tweeted.

As night fell on Caracas, and rumors swelled on social media that the government was planning to cremate the body to hide any signs of torture, family members gathered outside the morgue to demand Alban's body be handed over.

Borges, who said Alban was a personal friend, said the councilman who represented a district in the Caracas area was a family man and devout Catholic who would never kill himself.

"Alban is a very Christian person, with deep spiritual convictions that go contrary to a decision to take one's life," said lawyer Joel Garcia, who has represented Alban.

He said he met with Alban the night before in the tribunal and his client had seemed calm. Garcia said authorities cannot determine that a death is a suicide without an investigation and he would ask to be present at the autopsy.

Brazil leans toward unsparing vision of far-right Bolsonaro

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—The far-right former army captain who looks likely to become Brazil's next president promised nothing short of a complete overhaul of Latin America's largest nation, vowing Monday to combat the evils of corruption by gutting government ministries and privatizing state companies. He also pledged to promote traditional values that would roll back the rights of gays and other minorities.

With his pledge of "Brazil above all," Jair Bolsonaro has catapulted from the fringes of Congress, where he served as a member of marginal parties for 27 years, to a stone's throw from the presidency. A rabble rouser who has reminisced fondly about dictatorship and promised an all-out war on drugs and crime, he just missed outright victory in Sunday's vote and will face former Sao Paulo Mayor Fernando Haddad of the leftist Workers' Party in an Oct. 28 runoff.

Bolsonaro only needs a few more points to secure victory, and Haddad's supporters vowed Monday to launch a tough fight to make up ground after their candidate finished a distant second.

The election was a seismic shift for this nation of more than 200 million people, where the left has won the past four elections but deep divisions have opened in the wake of a massive corruption scandal and the 2016 impeachment of then-President Dilma Rousseff. Brazil's move fits into a global trend among voters—in the United States and Europe, among other places—who are choosing anti-establishment and often far-right or populist candidates who target minorities and promise a return to "traditional values."

"The evils and damages of corruption hurt the people in many ways. It's they who don't have a bed in the hospital, who don't have security in the streets or money in their pockets," Bolsonaro tweeted Monday. "A corrupt government encourages crime in all spheres."

His solution?

"Reduce the number of ministries, get rid of and privatize state companies, fight fraud in (a popular social welfare program for low-income families) ... decentralize power giving more economic force to the states and municipalities," he said on Twitter, one of his favorite forms of communicating.

Bolsonaro's Social and Liberal Party was a tiny, fringe group until the candidate began surging in the polls through his use of social media and carefully orchestrated rallies. Bolsonaro has often praised Donald Trump, and his campaign took many pages from the U.S. president's playbook, from his echoing of Trump's "America First" slogan, to bashing the mainstream media to using the candidate's adult children as proxies.

Mexican couple may have killed as many as 20 women

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A Mexican couple caught carrying dismembered human remains in a baby carriage may have killed as many as 20 women, a top prosecutor said Monday.

The man confessed to 20 killings, but gave details including the names of only 10 victims, said Alejandro Gomez, the chief prosecutor of Mexico State, which is located north and west of Mexico City. The couple was caught last week in Ecatepec, on the northern outskirts of the capital.

Gomez told Radio Formula the man appeared proud of the killings; there were signs he suffered a personality disorder and resented his mother and a previous girlfriend.

"What seemed macabre to me is that this person mentioned 10 cases in which he gives details, the names of the victims; he gave us the clothing they had on at the time," Gomez said. "He seemed happy about what he had done."

His companion apparently helped him lure the women but may have played a submissive role.

Police placed the couple under surveillance after phone records showed they had contacts with three missing women. On Thursday, police caught them coming out of a house with a baby carriage carrying plastic bags with dismembered human body parts which the pair intended to dispose of in a nearby vacant lot.

Police said they went to the lot and found more body parts, but they were in such bad condition that forensic tests will be needed to identify them.

Police said the couple acknowledged disposing of other bodies in a similar fashion; Gomez said Monday investigators have found more dismembered remains in two houses.

Gomez said the man confessed to sexually abusing some of the victims before killing them. Most were single mothers, and the couple apparently lured their victims with offers of cheap baby clothing.

The couple, who were identified only be their first names in a police statement, also reportedly confessed that they had sold one of the dead women's 2-month-old baby to another couple. The baby was recovered and the other couple was detained.

Mexico State, which borders Mexico City to the east, north and west, has suffered from waves of women's killings in recent years.

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In this Oct. 5, 2018, photo, Musrifah, right, holds back tears beside her husband Hakim and daughter Syafa Ramadi as they visit where their house once stood before a massive earthquake and tsunami hit their seaside village in Palu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. The family lost their son. The 7.5 magnitude quake triggered not just a tsunami that leveled huge swathes of the region's coast, but a geological phenomenon known as liquefaction, making the soil move like liquid and swallowing entire neighborhoods.

10 minutes of terror:

A quake, a tsunami and a missing son

By TODD PITMAN
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PALU, Indonesia (AP)—The Muslim call to prayer had just started echoing across the Indonesian city of Palu when Musrifah's home began to shake violently.

Family photos fell from the walls. Dishes and glasses crashed to the floor. A television smashed onto the white tiles of their living room, prompting Musrifah to scoop her 2-year-old son into her arms.

Seconds later, the concrete sides of their one-story house cracked, then crumbled, filling the air inside with pale clouds of dust.

"Mommy!" the terrified boy cried, his body trembling as his hands pressed into her back.

"Don't worry," she told him. "I'm here."

It was 6:02 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28, and what followed over the next 10 minutes was a catastrophe remarkable even by the standards of disaster-prone Indonesia. The magnitude 7.5 quake triggered not just a tsunami that leveled coastal neighborhoods but also a geological phenomenon known as liquefaction in which the soil began to move like a liquid and swallowed entire neighborhoods into the earth.

The disasters would kill nearly 2,000 people. Thousands more would go missing. Among them was Musrifah's son, Bima Alfarezi.

THE GROUND ALWAYS TREMBLES

Growing up on the island of Sulawesi, where Palu is located, Musrifah had grown used to earthquakes. Indonesia, a vast archipelago of 260 million people, is located along one of the most seismically active regions of the world, an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin known as the Ring of Fire.

Though they could be scary, quakes in Palu rarely caused severe damage.

After a 2004 tsunami killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries, more than half of them in Indonesia, the threat of deadly waves was seared into the national imagination. But Palu had not experienced one in Musrifah's lifetime, and most people believed the city was safe because it sits at the base of a long, relatively narrow bay shadowed on both sides by lush mountains.

"We thought that would protect us" from the violence of the sea, said Musrifah, a nurse who like many Indonesians uses a single name.

And few here, if any, had ever heard of liquefaction.

So when five foreshocks with magnitudes ranging from 4.8 to 6.1 shook the area over the course of several hours that Friday — the first hit at 3 p.m. — Musrifah thought little of it. She had family visiting and dinner was soon to be served.

Then the big quake struck and in the space of barely a minute, several neighborhoods in the city of 380,000 were obliterated. Buildings across town collapsed, including a hotel and a downtown shopping mall, where dozens of people were instantly killed and others were trapped and crying out for help. Cellphone towers buckled, knocking out communication lines, while the control tower at the airport crumbled just as a final plane took flight.

Although much of Palu still stood, chaos was everywhere.

At Musrifah's home, close to the shore of Palu Bay, her family rushed onto an open-air terrace only to find it blocked on all sides by the rubble of collapsed homes.

Still cradling her son, she thought the worst was over.

DEVASTATING WALLS OF WATER

The shallow quake was 200 times more powerful than the atomic bomb U.S. forces dropped on Hiroshima during World War II, according to Indonesian authorities, and it triggered a massive tsunami that was barreling straight down Palu Bay.

Cellphone video aired on local TV showed the moment the wave's long white crescent, clearly visible in the dark green water, approached the shore.

A man filming the scene from a parking garage yells to those below: "Tsunami! Tsunami! ... Run! Go!"

As people shriek and panicked drivers honk, people can be seen running and climbing over walls to get away from the beach.

When the wave crashes through the shore, it sweeps up maroon-roofed homes, spins them around and smashes them into swamped vehicles. As the houses break apart, swirling in a dark soup of debris, the man begins to weep: "Oh God! Oh God!"

Trapped on her shattered terrace, Musrifah had no idea what was happening. The sea had burst through what was left of her house, and her family was standing in water rising above their knees.

Her only thought was escape. She squeezed her son tighter as he repeated: "I'm scared, Mommy, I'm scared."

Two minutes later, Musrifah heard another roar. Instinctively, she looked up toward the sky, above the rubble that blocked her way, and glimpsed a dark wall of water, its approaching crest towering just above a palm tree.

Before she could blink, the wave smashed down on top of them and everything went dark. The crushing force of the tsunami ripped Bima away and spun Musrifah upside down in the churn.

Under the water, she grabbed hold of a concrete slab and was able to free herself from the wave. By then, she had been carried a kilometer (half a mile) away.

She was alone.

Soaked and shocked, all she could do was call out, her haunting cries piercing the darkness: "Bima! Bima! Where is my Bima?"

The earthquake and tsunami hit the coast with such power that the massive yellow spine of the city's iconic yellow Teluk Palu Bridge snapped, sending it into the river below. Along both sides of Palu Bay, the coastline was littered with smashed vehicles, jagged slabs of debris and downed electricity poles.

All that was left of Musrifah's home was its foundation. Not a single possession remained.

WHOLE VILLAGES SWALLOWED

Two kilometers (a mile) inland, as the earthquake shook the city's Balaroa neighborhood, residents faced an entirely different calamity, what many later described as a tsunami made of soil.

As the ground cracked apart, mud and dirt moving like liquid erupted through newly carved chasms, bursting through the floors of homes. It was a swirling sea of mud and rolling waves of earth that rose up and swallowed virtually everything in sight.

Multi-story villas were knocked onto their sides with cars still in their garages. The towering golden spires of one of the area's most beautiful mosques crumpled in ruins.

As twilight gave way to blackness, numerous fires broke out and would burn into the night.

The phenomenon known as liquefaction occurs when loose water-filled soil near the surface loses its strength and collapses. In places in Palu, parts of entire neighborhoods were carried dozens of meters (yards) to the east.

Balaroa resident Asran had been feeding his goats when the quake hit and he looked out in astonishment to see a chunk of his own neighborhood literally breaking away. When the ground stopped moving after a few minutes, his home — severely cracked but largely intact — sat on the rim of a fresh crater that dropped nearly two stories.

"The mud came from underneath, lifted all the buildings, then sucked them down," said the 56-year-old, who uses a single name. "It seemed as though the ground was on a roller-coaster."

Half an hour drive to the east, in the even harder-hit neighborhood of Petobo, 32-year-old Erli Yati, tried to flee on a motorcycle but only made it a short way because "left, right and back, the soil was raised above me."

"People were screaming, 'Help! Help!' but it was impossible to help them," she said. "They were being dragged away by the mud."

Video circulating on social media that appears to have been shot in Petobo shows a red-roofed home sliding past a bank of palm trees as if it is sailing down a fast-flowing river. In the distance, two palm trees are rapidly sucked straight down into the earth, one after the other, before the house the man filming the scene is straddled upon begins swaying like a boat on the ocean.

After several terrifying minutes, it all finally stopped.

All that is left of much of Petobo now is a jagged plain of mud and soft dirt that, like Balaroa, sits in a newly created crater. Along the edge, a once-flat rice field now zigzags up the hillside as if was taken apart and replanted on multi-story terraces.

The government says more than 5,000 people may be missing from these two neighborhoods, where more than 3,000 homes were either destroyed or disappeared.

Extracting the bodies is so difficult authorities are debating whether to simply turn the devastated areas into mass graves.

A GRUELING SEARCH

Back along the shore, Musrifah followed droves of other traumatized survivors along darkened streets to a nearby mosque that quickly turned into a relief camp.

It was there, just after midnight, when Musrifah was reunited with her husband Hakim and their 5-year-old daughter who had been out together before the earthquake.

The couple held each other tight and wept.

Then Hakim asked the question Musrifah didn't want to hear: "Where is our son?"

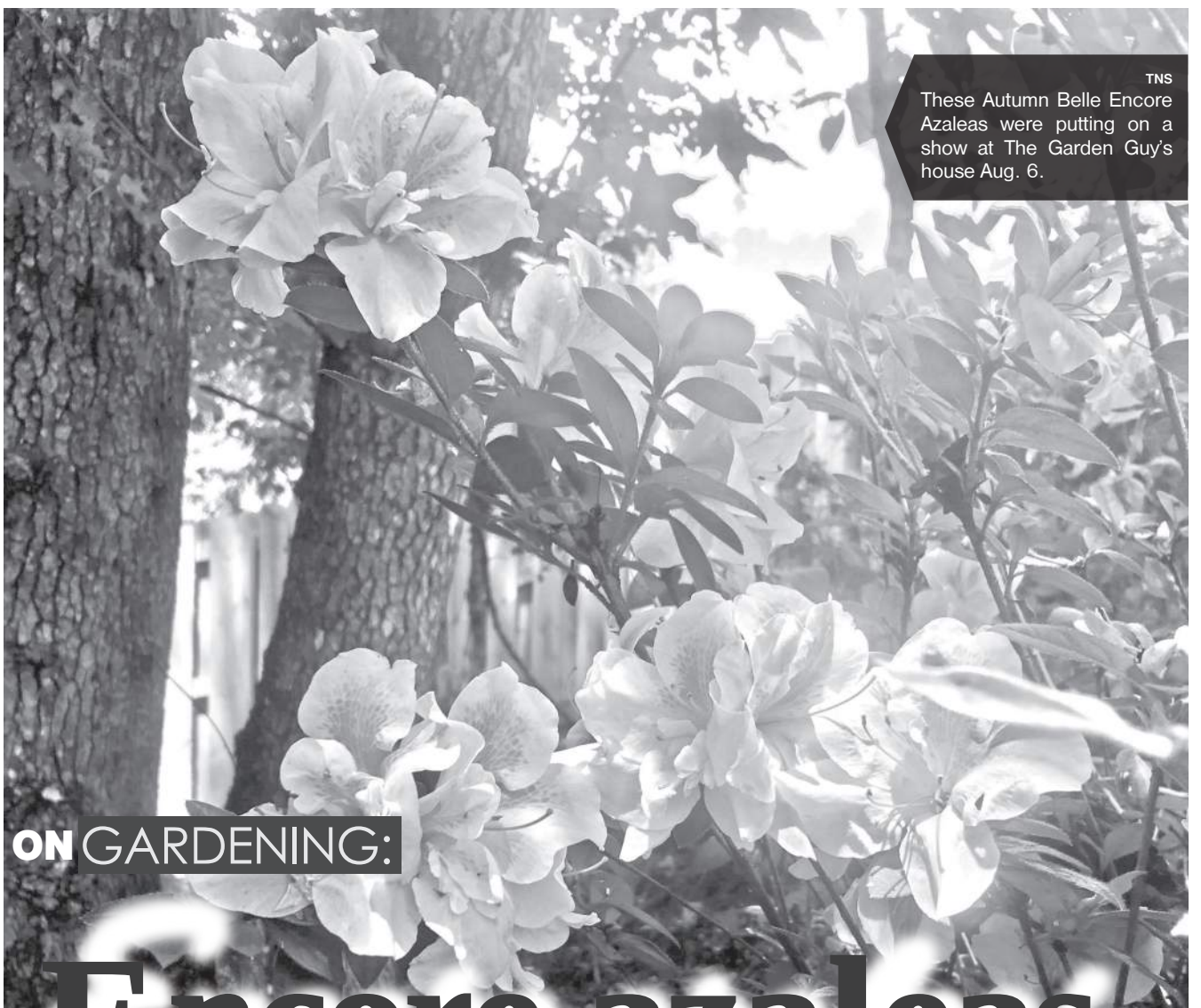
"I couldn't hold onto him," she said. "I'm so sorry. I couldn't protect him from this."

The next morning, the couple combed the area around their former home, now a flattened field of intertwined lumber, concrete, sheet metal and other rubble.

For five days, they walked through wreckage, calling Bima's name as emergency crews pulled bodies from the debris.

They visited every hospital in the city, asking officials to unzip bag after bag containing the corpses of young children. There were too many, it seemed, to count.

Good Housekeeping



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These Autumn Belle Encore Azaleas were putting on a show at The Garden Guy's house Aug. 6.

ON GARDENING:

Encore azaleas really do repeat bloom in the fall

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

It seems wherever I look Encore azaleas have been showing out, including at The Garden Guy's house. If you have never tried an Encore azalea, you may be wondering if they really have a good repeat bloom in the fall? The answer is, absolutely, and I'll explain below.

In Georgia, September turned many of us into crybabies. Instead of the first day of fall, it was like the first glimpse into a really hot summer, not what you would consider for a glorious azalea bloom.

Tell that to those of us picking up a Big Mac at McDonald's in Columbus, Ga. As I was ordering that mouth-watering treasure there they were the most beautiful red azaleas I have ever seen. I'm talking mid-September, garden gurus. To top it off, these were planted by the asphalt and had a mulch consisting of river rock.

I would like to suggest that if one of the busiest McDonald's in the country can do it, you, as a home gardener can do it, too. The Encore's really do repeat. Sometimes I think they always have some blooms but surely, I am wrong. There are 31 repeat blooming varieties. When it comes to fall, some bloom early, some mid-season, others late.

This gives us the opportunity to have a floral display for fall festivals, Thanksgiving and Christmas depending on where we live and, of course, Mother Nature is ultimately in control with various weather patterns. When I was in Savannah, Ga., I had some blooming for New Year's Day.

Many of the Encore azaleas are cold hardy from zones 6a-10b and perform best in organic-rich, well-drained soil. It's been said, the key to the green thumb is how brown it gets in soil preparation. Compost and organic-matter improve tight heavy soil allowing for the best drainage.

Add a layer of mulch after planting and again each year. The azalea keeps the roots near the soil surface and this annual decomposition of mulch and organic matter will maintain a good environment for new roots and help in moisture retention.

Choose a site with 4-to-6 hours of direct sunlight. I assure you they can take much more sun than you think as demonstrated at the McDonald's I have been touting. Partial sun gardens with high shifting sunlight will also prove to be an optimal location.

I like them planted in curvy informal sweeps or clusters versus the formal toy soldier look. With 31 varieties you will find a wide range of colors and sizes from dwarf to intermediate when it comes to planting habit. You'll find double blooming selections like Autumn Belle which caught my attention as it was frequently visited by hummingbirds to those that have an almost iridescent shimmer like the pink Autumn Jewel.

You will also be amazed to see the number of butterflies and bees that visit the flowers every day that they are blooming. So yes, the Encore azaleas do repeat. Fall is a great time to plant, those roots will get established and will have a huge jump start come spring. Pick your varieties to spread out your azalea blooming season

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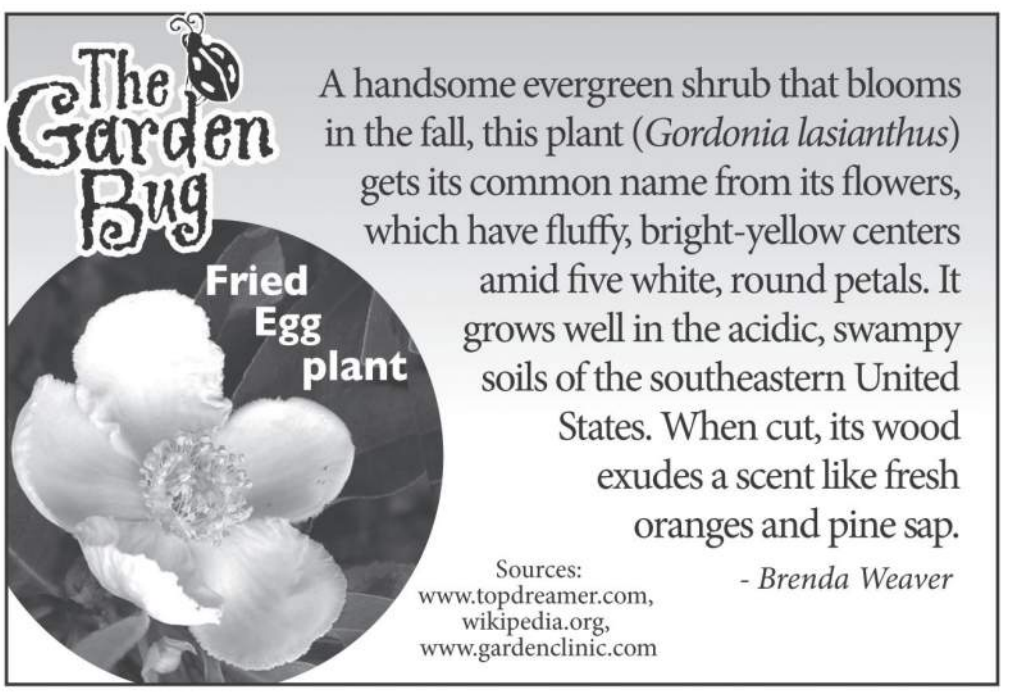
These red Encore Azaleas were seen blooming in September at McDonald's in Columbus, Ga.


The Garden Bug
Fried Egg plant
A handsome evergreen shrub that blooms in the fall, this plant (*Gordonia lasianthus*) gets its common name from its flowers, which have fluffy, bright-yellow centers amid five white, round petals. It grows well in the acidic, swampy soils of the southeastern United States. When cut, its wood exudes a scent like fresh oranges and pine sap.
- Brenda Weaver
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This beautiful bouquet of Encore Azaleas was photographed blooming Oct. 26 in a recent Savannah fall season.

Life & Style

Netflix to bring new US production hub to New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Netflix has chosen New Mexico as the site of a new U.S. production hub and is in final negotiations to buy an existing multimillion-dollar studio complex on the edge of the state's largest city, government and corporate leaders announced Monday.

It's the company's first purchase of such a property, and upcoming production work in Albuquerque and at other spots around New Mexico is forecast to result in $1 billion in spending over the next decade.

More than $14 million in state and local economic development funding is being tapped to bring Netflix to New Mexico. Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller, a Democrat, touted the investment and said lengthy efforts to put New Mexico on the movie-making map are paying off.

"This is awesome," the governor told dozens of people gathered inside a cavernous sound stage at ABQ Studios. "This massive investment will have a huge impact of course on New Mexico and continue our efforts to grow and diversify the economy."

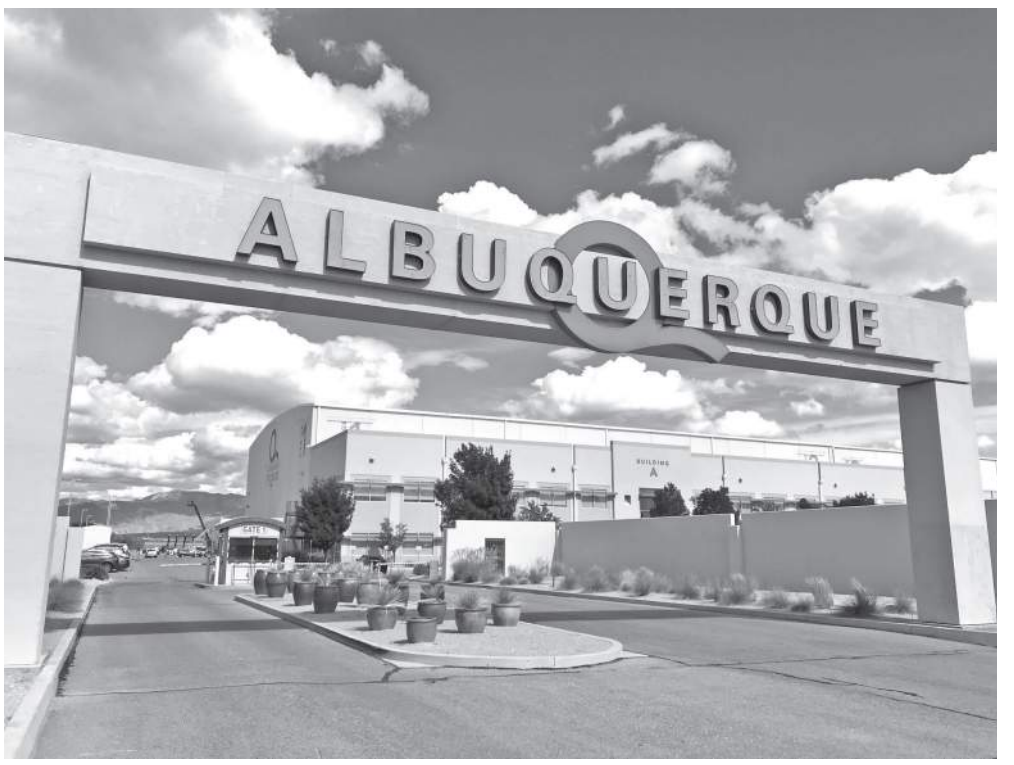
Martinez acknowledged the state's reliance on federal funding and oil and gas development, saying more needs to be done to encourage diverse ventures such as Netflix as the private sector is the backbone of the American economy.

Keller said the city has laid the groundwork to make sure the film industry is part of its economic development plan. He called landing Netflix a "transformative victory" for the city.

Netflix projects produced in New Mexico include the Emmy Award-winning limited series "Godless" and "Longmire." Company officials said previous experience working in the state inspired them to jump at the opportunity to establish a new production hub in Albuquerque.

Netflix earlier this year announced it was establishing its first European production hub in Spain. That operation is expected to help the online video entertainment platform expand its Spanish-language content.

It also has a production hub in Los Angeles and it's possible the company's footprint will continue to expand, given the amount of content the online entertainment provider is aiming to create.



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This Oct. 8, 2018 image shows the entrance to ABQ Studios in Albuquerque, N.M., on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

"We will look at each place on its merits—the same kind of decision-making that went into the impending purchase of this studio," said Ty Warren, Netflix's vice president for physical production. "The combination of great crews, existing infrastructure, financial incentives—it was all part of it."

Netflix has about 130 million subscribers worldwide.

Officials did not release details about the sales price of the studio complex in New Mexico. The property includes several sound stages, production offices, mill space and a back lot.

Martinez, whose second and final term ends this year, initially talked about trying to rein in New Mexico's film incentive program and an annual $50 million cap was instituted.

As the state dug its way out of the recession, she said it was important to avoid cuts to critical programs such as education, health care and public infrastructure. She was criticized by many who thought the cap would stifle the growth of the film industry.

In 2013, she signed the "Breaking Bad bill," named after the Emmy-winning TV drama that filmed primarily in Albuquerque during its five seasons. The legislation enhanced incentives for television productions.

First woman Doctor Who wants to be a role model to all

NEW YORK (AP)—Jodie Whittaker calls being cast as the first woman to portray Doctor Who "a step in the right direction" when it comes to gender equality in Hollywood, but doesn't feel that she's broken a glass ceiling because there's more work to be done.

Moments before the latest season of "Doctor Who" debuted in a global-wide telecast on Sunday, Whittaker was at New York Comic Con with showrunner Chris Chibnall, and Executive Producer Matt Strevens talking about the new season and the historical casting decision.

"Do I think the glass ceiling is broken? No. Do I think that this is a positive step in the direction of equality in the representation on film? Yeah. But it's not broken," Whittaker said.

The long-running television series chronicles the adventures of an extraterrestrial time lord who travels to different time periods to help people, without doing anything drastic that may alter the course of history.

Whittaker became the 13th to play the eponymous character, and explains why she hopes to be a role model for everyone, regardless of gender.

"When I was growing up, there was never a question that as a girl you would look up to guys. That's what you did. Whereas there's a slight mythology in the sense if you're a girl, you're a hero for a girl, which is not the case," she said. "And so, I think the wonderful thing about this is being a role model for anyone, which the Doctor has always been regardless of gender."

While Whittaker was honored to get the role, she noted that the casting announcement seemed like a bigger deal than it was because "gender becomes immediately irrelevant within the show because the Doctor is the Doctor."

The actress calls herself a "New Whovian" that began watching the show after she got the role. What she learned from her binge watching was "how inclusive it is."

On the floor of Comic Con, fans spoke positively about this Doctor.

Twelve-year old Danielle Nickelson, dressed as Harley Quinn, was glad to see a woman in the role. "I like that they made it a woman, because usually nowadays shows don't really have girls in them. It's more like boys, like Spider-Man," Nickelson said.

Box office top 20: 'Venom,' 'A Star Is Born'

1. **"Venom,"** Sony, $80,255,756, 4,250 locations, $18,884average, $80,255,756, 1 Week.
2. **"A Star Is Born,"** Warner Bros., $42,908,051, 3,686 locations, $11,641 average, $44,258,051, 1 Week.
3. **"Smallfoot,"** Warner Bros., $14,402,559, 4,131 locations, $3,486 average, $42,263,504, 2 Weeks.
4. **"Night School,"** Universal, $12,514,925, 3,019 locations, $4,145 average, $46,991,280, 2 Weeks.
5. **"The House with a Clock in Its Walls,"** Universal, $7,332,665, 3,463 locations, $2,117 average, $55,089,225, 3 Weeks.
6. **"A Simple Favor,"** Lionsgate, $3,424,954, 2,408 locations, $1,422 average, $49,004,310, 4 Weeks.
7. **"The Nun,"** Warner Bros., $2,703,281, 2,264 locations, $1,194 average, $113,460,591, 5 Weeks.
8. **"Crazy Rich Asians,"** Warner Bros., $2,166,626, 1,466 locations, $1,478 average, $169,241,568, 8 Weeks.
9. **"Hell Fest,"** Lionsgate, $2,083,759, 2,297 locations, $907 average, $8,873,235, 2 Weeks.
10. **"MET Opera: Aida,"** Fathom Events, $1,700,000, 900 locations, $1,889 average, $1,700,000, 1 Week.
11. **"The Predator,"** 20th Century Fox, $947,358, 1,643 locations, $577 average, $50,033,247, 4 Weeks.
12. **"White Boy Rick,"** Sony, $603,341, 880 locations, $686 average, $23,351,427, 4 Weeks.
13. **"Free Solo,"** National Geographic Entertainment, $562,785, 41 locations, $13,726 average, $977,696, 2 Weeks.
14. **"The Hate U Give,"** 20th Century Fox, $512,035, 36 locations, $14,223 average, $512,035, 1 Week.
15. **"Colette,"** Bleecker Street, $492,981, 107 locations, $4,607 average, $1,272,741, 3 Weeks.
16. **"Peppermint,"** STX Entertainment, $473,806, 813 locations, $583 average, $34,717,200, 5 Weeks.
17. **"Searching,"** Sony, $443,106, 412 locations, $1,076 average, $25,649,766, 7 Weeks.
18. **"Disney's Christopher Robin,"** Disney, $435,545, 1,638 locations, $266 average, $98,102,927, 10 Weeks.
19. **"The Old Man & the Gun,"** Fox Searchlight, $403,928, 49 locations, $8,243 average, $594,383, 2 Weeks.
20. **"The Wife,"** Sony Pictures Classics, $383,403, 358 locations, $1,071 average, $6,790,237, 8 Weeks.

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Riz Ahmed arrives at the world premiere of "Venom" on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, at the Regency Village Theater in Los Angeles.

NEW YORK (AP)—Sony Pictures' "Spider-Man" spinoff "Venom" and Bradley Cooper's acclaimed remake "A Star Is Born" fueled the best-ever October weekend at North American theaters.

Both films debuted above expectations. "Venom," starring Tom Hardy as the comic-book antihero, opened with $80.3 million, according to final studio figures Monday.

Sony's opening effort to create a larger universe for its available Marvel characters shrugged off terrible reviews to set a new box office record for an October debut.

Warner Bros.'s anticipated "A Star Is Born," starring Cooper and Lady Gaga, also opened resoundingly with $42.9 million.

"Venom" attracted a largely male, younger audience, while "A Star Is Born" found predominantly female and older crowds.

The two films together pushed the weekend to more than $175 million in ticket sales, according to comScore, in the traditionally quieter month of October.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by comScore:

Comedian Katt Williams pleads not guilty to assault

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Comedian Katt Williams has pleaded not guilty in connection with an alleged assault on a hired driver at Portland International Airport.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office says Williams was charged and pleaded not guilty to fourth-degree assault on Monday.

He had come to Portland to perform in Nick Cannon's "Wild 'N Out" comedy improv show Friday night.

Williams is accused of striking the driver of a town car after an argument about taking him and his dog to the show.

Port of Portland police say the unnamed victim sustained minor injuries to his face, including swelling and cuts.

Williams remains in custody on an unrelated arrest warrant as an alleged fugitive from Georgia.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Williams told court officials that he's currently on supervision for pot possession there.

AP

In this Dec. 13, 2017, file photo, Katt Williams attends the LA Premiere of "Father Figures" in Los Angeles.

Trump says he likes Swift's music less post-endorsement

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump says he likes superstar Taylor Swift's music "about 25 percent less now" that she's endorsed two Democratic candidates in Tennessee.

Trump was asked about Swift's decision to wade into politics as he returned to Washington after a trip to Florida.

Swift announced Sunday she's voting for Democrat Phil Bredesen for Senate, breaking her long-standing refusal to discuss anything politics.

Trump says GOP Congressman Marsha Blackburn, Bredesen's rival, is "doing a very good job" and is a "tremendous woman."

And he says that Swift "doesn't know anything about her," adding: "I like Taylor's music about 25 percent less now, OK?"

Swift has faced criticism for not speaking about political issues despite having a global platform.

She also said she'd vote for Democrat Jim Cooper for the House.

Meghan McCain makes tearful return to 'The View'

NEW YORK (AP)—Keeping a box of tissues handy, Meghan McCain returned to "The View" on Monday for the first time since the August death of her father, Sen. John McCain.

She thanked viewers and her co-hosts for their kindness and support.

"It made me so inspired that the idealism that my father espoused for his career are the ideals of America," she said. "There has been a lot of talk about whether that died with him, and I'm here to tell you, it didn't."

McCain was misty-eyed upon her return to the daytime talk show but largely kept it together. She has attracted attention for her work on "The View" the past year, particularly since she is often a political minority of one and occasionally has to defend a president her father had little use for.

She hugged Whoopi Goldberg and said, "My father loved you, he really loved you."

She said Americans should never surrender to what is happening in the country right now.

"I understand how divided and how scared a lot of people are right now and it looks like the fabric of democracy is fraying," she said. "Do not surrender."

Somewhat uncharacteristically, McCain stayed out of the first "hot topic" discussion on the talk show, about the Senate confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh over the weekend. She did endorse women speaking up politically when Taylor Swift's recent social media post supporting a Democratic Senate candidate from Tennessee was brought up.

Hillary and Bill Clinton to go on tour this year

NEW YORK (AP)—Now that Beyonce and Jay-Z are off the road, another power couple is taking their place: Hillary and Bill Clinton.

The Clintons announced Monday they will visit four cities in 2018 and nine in 2019 across North America in a series of conversations dubbed "An Evening with President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton." It is being produced by tour promoter Live Nation, the company behind Michelle Obama's massive tour to promote her new book as well as tours for Beyonce, Taylor Swift and Bruno Mars.

The couple will hold joint conversations at the shows and share "stories and inspiring anecdotes that shaped their historic careers in public service, while also discussing issues of the day and looking toward the future," Live Nation said.

The Clintons remain a favorite target of Republicans and their re-emergence on the political scene weeks ahead of the midterms could give the GOP fresh fodder and create headaches for Democrats seeking to move on from the 2016 election.

They will kick off the trek Nov. 18 in Las Vegas at 5,200-seat Park Theater. They will visit Toronto's Scotiabank Arena on Nov. 27, Montreal's Bell Centre on Nov. 28 and Smart Financial Center in Sugar Land, Texas, on Dec. 4.

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AP

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Man learns he may have a son he never knew about

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 27 years and have three wonderful kids. The youngest is 16.

I recently found out I may have another son from a relationship prior to my marriage. The woman never notified me or asked for child support. I found out through someone else a couple of months ago and, thanks to social media, was able to find him and look at his picture. He looks exactly like I did 25 years ago.

The problem is, when I mentioned it to my wife, she did not want to discuss the possibility. She acts like nothing happened and asked me not to bring it up again. What would you recommend in a situation like this? Should I say nothing and let it be, or risk ruining my marriage?

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DEAR VACILLATING: I find it interesting that someone would know you possibly had another son all this time and didn't say anything sooner. If it's true, the young man might like to know, if only so he can have a complete familial medical history.

I don't see how establishing the truth could "ruin" your marriage unless your wife is self-centered and immature. However, rather than suddenly appear out of nowhere with the news, it might be better to reach out to the woman you had the relationship with, tell her what the friend told you and ask her if it's true.

If she concealed the information from her son or from the man who raised him, possibly thinking the boy was his, it could be traumatic for everyone concerned. So, if you do decide to move forward on this, explain that if it's true, you think it might be in her son's best interests to know.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, a widow, started going out with men she meets on dating websites last year. She has three children; the youngest is 10. She has a full-time job and doesn't smoke, drink or use drugs. She goes out five to seven times a week.

I have all the responsibility for the children's care, school, church, laundry, cooking, etc. I'm feeling very overburdened. While I don't mind doing all these things, I feel taken advantage of. Am I wrong or is it now normal for a mother to go out that much? When she's home, she's constantly checking her texts and social media. Please advise.

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By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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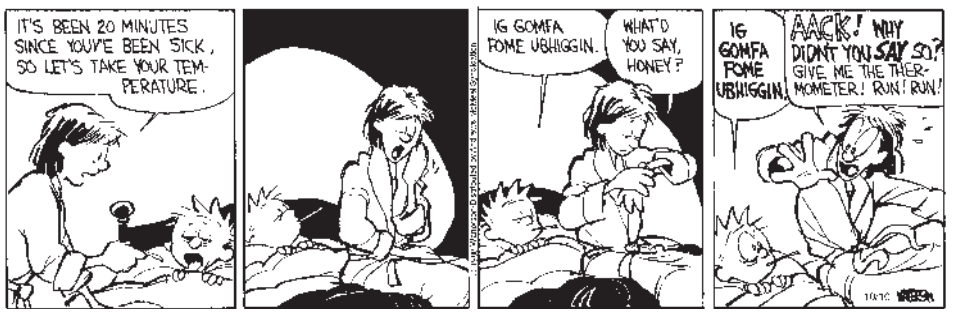
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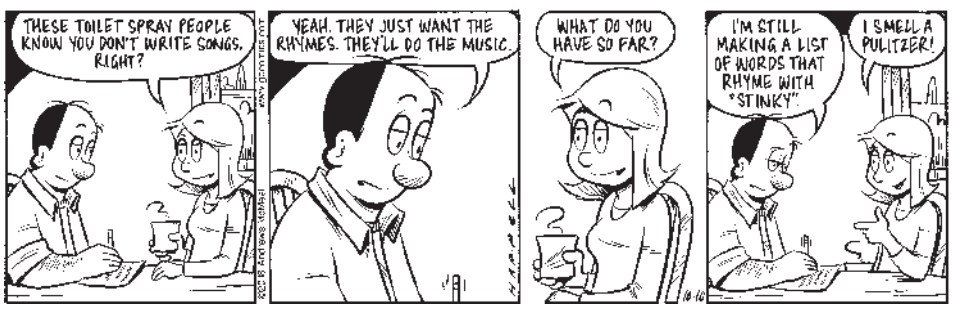
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By Glenn McCoy

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By Eugene Sheffer

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26 Platter
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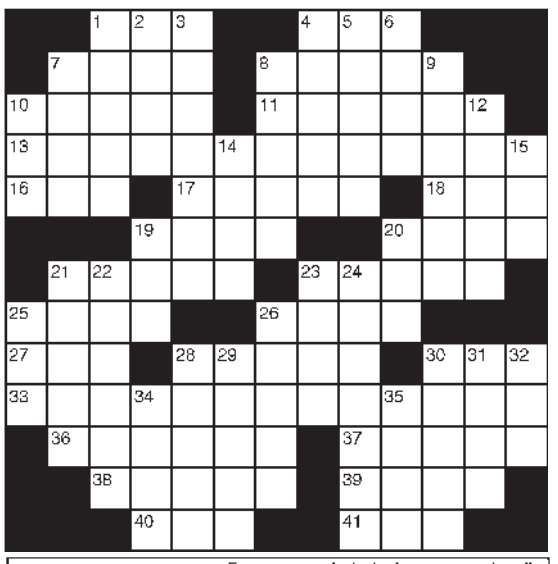

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Fight fire with fire. Intensity coupled with strong beliefs will overpower anyone trying to stand in your way. Plan your actions and execute them with precision to get the results you want. A steady pace will lead to positive changes. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You'll be faced with all sorts of options that will require you to be accurate. Dealing with matters that concern co-workers, employers, or government, financial or medical institutions will require consistency. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Step up and offer to help others. Taking on tasks that allow you to show your strengths will have an impact on others. Some will be jealous of what you have accomplished, and others will offer suggestions that will help further your goals. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Keep an open mind. If you are angry or upset, a decision you make will lead to regret. Back up and rethink your strategy carefully before you proceed. Concentrate on personal gains that will enhance your life. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Think about the outcome before you make a move. It's in your power to choose the right thing to do. Live up to your promises, and you'll avoid being called out by someone who is counting on you. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Taking a serious step in a direction that encourages personal stability will give you a closer look at the path you should pursue. Improvements to the way you live will also lead to friendships that are beneficial. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* A positive change to the way you handle your money, health and relationships with others will give you a burst of energy and ease your stress. Don't let anyone criticize or take away from what you've accomplished. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Be careful while traveling or dealing with someone who tends to be argumentative. Stay focused on the changes you want to make and the people who have helped you in the past. Don't share your personal secrets, or rumors will spread quickly. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* You've got more going for you than you realize. Call in favors and make plans that will encourage greater prosperity. Taking care of someone else's affairs will be time-consuming but can serve as a reminder of how to conduct your own more efficiently. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't trust what others tell you. If you want the facts, go to the source. Changes based on an assumption will lead to regret. An unusual opportunity should be taken advantage of if you feel it's in your best interest. ✪✪

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PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Take a broader look at what's going on. Consider what's true before getting involved in a joint venture. Stick to what you know and do best instead of partnering with someone you know little about. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Brees makes history in style, Saints rout Redskins

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New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) reacts to a touchdown carry by running back Mark Ingram, not pictured, in the first half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in New Orleans, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Before Drew Brees could blow kisses to the adoring Superdome crowd, before he could embrace his wife and children on the sideline, the Saints' 39-year-old quarterback had to shred one of the NFL's top pass defenses with ruthless efficiency.

And so he did.

Brees passed Peyton Manning to become the NFL's all-time leader in yards passing with a 62-yard touchdown to rookie Tre'Quan Smith on Monday night that sent New Orleans on its way to a lopsided 43-19 victory over the mistake-prone Washington Redskins.

"It's hard for me to reflect too much right now just because my career's not done. There are still goals to be accomplished. There are still challenges to be met. And so I'm still very focused on that," Brees said. "And yet, when something like this happens, there are so many people who are responsible for that, that are a part of that, that makes me happy. It makes me proud and it makes me extremely grateful —extremely grateful for the opportunity to play this game, to play it as long as I've played it, to have wound up here in New Orleans.

"It's just been an unbelievable journey."

Brees entered the game needing 201 yards to eclipse Peyton Manning's previous mark of 71,940 yards. He had 250 yards and two touchdowns by halftime and finished 26 of 29 for 363 yards and three touchdowns. He has yet to throw an interception this season. He did, however, make his eighth career reception on his own deflected pass, and pushed across the line of scrimmage to add an extra yard to his career total.

"He throws for 5,000 yards just like he's sleeping at night, and it's crazy to see that," Redskins cornerback Josh Norman said. "He's at the top of them all right now—and he's not done yet."

The Saints' Smith, a third-round draft choice last spring, caught two touchdown passes from the 18th-year pro. Brees also hit Smith for a 35-yard score down the right sideline early in the third quarter.

Any hope Washington had of coming back was all but snuffed out when Justin Hardee, a special teams regular who was in the game because of Marshon Lattimore's concussion symptoms, snagged Alex Smith's underthrown pass at the Saints' 19-yard line and returned his first career interception to the Washington 4.

That set up change-of-pace QB Taysom Hill's 1-yard touchdown run that put the Saints (4-1) up 40-13.

Smith completed 23 of 39 passes for 275 yards for the Redskins (2-2). He ran for a short touchdown late in the first half that pulled Washington within 26-13.

When Saints began one of their last first-half possessions on their own 38, Brees needed just 35 yards to break the record. On the first play of the drive, Brees launched a pass toward the right sideline to the speedy Smith, who was wide open and easily sprinted away from Nicholson's tackle attempt en route to the end zone.

"I knew we were within striking distance" of the record, Brees said. "I didn't know it was going to happen on the first play to Tre'Quan. But I don't think it could have happened in any better fashion than it did. To have then that moment with my teammates on the field, the offensive line, it played out even greater than I ever could have imagined."

Brees' teammates ran toward their quarterback as he jogged behind the play, and a group of them formed a jumping, celebrating mass of black and gold next to the Saints' fleur-de-lis emblem on the 50-yard line.

Brees then removed his helmet, saluted fans and exchanged hugs on the sideline with his wife, Brittany, their four kids and Saints coach Sean Payton. The ball was handed over to Pro Football Hall of Fame officials.

With the game well in hand after the two-minute warning, Payton subbed Brees out of the game. As Teddy Bridgwater ran onto the field and Brees trotted to the sideline, Brees got one last ovation before fans began chanting: "Who dat say dey gonna beat dem Saints."

Suns fire GM 9 days before season begins

PHOENIX (AP)—The Phoenix Suns fired general manager Ryan McDonough on Monday, nine days before their season begins.

James Jones and Trevor Bukstein will share the GM duties on an interim basis for the Suns. Jones is the team's vice president of basketball operations and Bukstein was assistant GM under McDonough, who had been in Phoenix since 2013 and was under contract through 2020.

Suns owner Robert Sarver said in a statement announcing the firing that he made the decision "after much thought and a long evaluation of our basketball operations."

"There's no perfect time to make a change," Sarver said in an interview on Arizona Sports 98.7 FM radio. "For me it's just about making consistent progress and with any leader it's an ongoing evaluation process. And, ultimately, I just decided we needed to make a change."

The Suns took Deandre Ayton with the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft and gave Devin Booker a $158 million extension during the offseason.

Phoenix has had four straight losing seasons and no playoff berth since 2010. Last year's 21-61 record was the worst in the NBA and second-worst in franchise history.

Sarver said he'd been looking at the last five years, "more recently the last six months," in an ongoing evaluation of McDonough.

"It culminated when we were heading into the summer," Sarver said. "We discussed a number of opportunities I felt were realistic in terms of what progress would look like. And ultimately to me the rate of progress wasn't there where I thought it needed to be."

With the addition of Ayton and some other offseason moves, McDonough said at the team's media day that those losing days were over and the goal was to make the Suns "the most improved team" in the NBA. But the team has been unsuccessful in acquiring a proven point guard to supplement its otherwise improved lineup.

McDonough and Sarver oversaw the hiring of Igor Kokoskov as coach in the offseason.

The Suns won 48 games in McDonough's first season on the job, Phoenix's last winning season, but they just missed the playoffs. Things went downhill with a successive of bad seasons, culminating with 23, 24 and 21 wins each of the past three years.

Phoenix hit it big with the drafting of Booker 13th overall in 2015, but other draft results were sporadic.

That could well change with Ayton, the Suns' first No. 1 overall pick.

The Suns hired McDonough after three seasons as assistant general manager of the Boston Celtics. He is the son of the late Boston Globe columnist Will McDonough. His brother Sean is a sports broadcaster and brother Terry is vice president/player personnel of the NFL's Arizona Cardinals.

The NBA season begins a week from Tuesday. The Suns' first game is Wednesday, Oct. 17, when they host the Dallas Mavericks.

Furyk shoots down Reed's 'blindsided' claim on pairings

NEW YORK—In the frustrating hours after the Ryder Cup, Patrick Reed claimed that he was "blindsided" by the decision by U.S. captain Jim Furyk to split he and Jordan Spieth up at Le Golf National.

Furyk dismissed that claim in a recent interview with Golf Channel's Tim Rosaforte, which aired Monday on Morning Drive.

The U.S. captain contended that Reed, Woods, Spieth and Spieth's Ryder Cup partner Justin Thomas all knew about the pairings "weeks in advance." He also revealed that Reed was even in the loop when it came to which slot he and Woods would play in for the opening four-ball session.

"When I started looking at who (Tiger) would pair well with, I kept coming back to Patrick Reed," Furyk said. "There was always the idea that we could go Tiger and JT (Justin Thomas), and Patrick and Jordan, but ultimately they knew going into the week, weeks in advance, they knew they would start the Ryder Cup with Patrick and Tiger being partners."

Furyk added that pairing Spieth and Thomas was an "easy decision" because of the strong chemistry the two have.

"If there was any concern about them being partners together, it was how close they were," Furyk said.

However, the Spieth-Thomas pairing was dependent on Woods making the team.

"The fact that they played together had a lot more to do with me pairing Patrick and Tiger together," Furyk said. "… If Tiger doesn't make this team and he's a vice captain, then Jordan and Patrick go out together."

Dodgers finish off Braves; Astros advance

ATLANTA (AP)—The Los Angeles Dodgers went through all the expected motions after winning a playoff series.

They broke out T-shirts and caps. They posed for pictures in the middle of SunTrust Park. They doused each other with beer in the clubhouse.

Then, just like that, their focus turned to bigger goals ahead.

For a power-packed team that hasn't won a World Series since 1988, nothing less will do.

"We all know that there's a lot more work to be done," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said after his team finished off the Atlanta Braves with a 6-2 victory Monday in the NL Division Series. "We have eight more wins to go."

Manny Machado hit a three-run homer and David Freese came through again in the postseason to lead the Dodgers into the NL Championship Series for the third year in a row. Los Angeles moved on to face the Brewers after taking out the Baby Braves 3-1 in the best-of-five series.

Game 1 is Friday night in Milwaukee, the Dodgers' fourth championship series in six seasons.

"We prepared ourselves to get here," Machado said, "and we're not going to stop till we get what we want."

Of course, this is just what the Dodgers had in mind when they bolstered their already power-packed lineup by acquiring the slugging shortstop—and free agent-to-be—from lowly Baltimore back in July.

Machado had only three hits in the series, but two of them were homers to go along with six RBIs. He got the Dodgers going in Game 4 with a run-scoring double in the first , and effectively wrapped up the series with his seventh-inning shot off rookie Chad Sobotka that cleared the Dodgers' bullpen in left.

"There are so many expectations put on him," Roberts said. "We have a lot of good players, but I can't say enough about his focus and preparedness."

Coming off a tense victory in Game 3, the Baby Braves grabbed the lead on pinch-hitter Kurt Suzuki's two-run single in the fourth.

But Freese, the 2011 World Series MVP with St. Louis, countered with a pinch-hit single of his own in the sixth off Brad Brach , driving home Cody Bellinger and Yasiel Puig for a 3-2 lead.

"You just gotta be ready," Freese said. "Whether you're in high school, college, whatever, just be ready. You don't have to be the best player in the world, you don't have to make the most money, but you're going to have a shot to do something cool. I learned that early in my career. I just try and stick with it."

Ryan Madson earned the win by getting the final two outs in the fifth to escape a bases-loaded jam. The Braves' final gasp came in the eighth, when Lucas Duda's drive into the second deck in right drifted foul with two on against Kenta Maeda. Duda flied out to end the inning, and Atlanta went down quietly in the ninth.

The Braves' return to the postseason for the first time since 2013 yielded a familiar result.

Atlanta has lost nine straight playoff appearances, their last victory coming 17 long years ago against a team that is no longer in the National League. Since a sweep of Houston Astros in the 2001 NL Division Series, October has been a month of misery for the Braves.

Getting back to the playoffs ahead of schedule after a massive rebuild, Atlanta simply didn't have the experience, depth or power to stick with the power-packed Dodgers. Los Angeles had a franchise-record 235 homers during the regular season and eight more against the Braves, accounting for 14 of its 20 runs.

Tinseltown has become Boomtown.

In Cleveland, as his teammates sprayed each other with champagne and beer in Houston's buzzing clubhouse, ace Justin Verlander stayed clear of the fray and foam while enjoying a cigar.

This wasn't the time to get soaked. Bigger parties lie ahead.

The Astros are back in an October orbit.

The defending World Series champions advanced to the AL Championship Series for the second straight year—with surprising ease—by completing a division-round sweep of Cleveland on Monday with an 11-3 lashing in Game 3 helped by two key throwing errors from Indians reliever Trevor Bauer.

"No one takes anything for granted here," Verlander said. "That's the DNA of the guys in this clubhouse. This team has a propensity to do big things in big spots. This is an atmosphere that breeds winning.

"We have the most complete team in baseball."

Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run double off Bauer in a three-run seventh inning , and the Astros scored 10 runs in their final three at-bats to turn a series that was supposed to be competitive into a complete rout.

"We're the reigning world champs, and we really have a good ability to show up for the day," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "So proud of our guys, the work they put into the winter. It was a short winter for us. As you can see, our guys are pretty hungry to advance."

The Astros moved to the ALCS on-deck circle, where they await the Boston-New York winner for a shot to play for another championship.

George Springer homered twice, Carlos Correa hit three-run homer for his first hit of the postseason and Houston's bullpen combined for four scoreless innings, including six straight outs by winner Collin McHugh , as the AL West champions served notice that a second Series title is on their itinerary.

After the Astros finished this demolition of the Indians, they briefly celebrated on the infield at Progressive Field before donning ski goggles in their clubhouse.

For the Indians, another postseason ended earlier than planned. Cleveland was beaten in the first round for the second year in a row—New York came back from a 2-0 deficit in 2017—and baseball's longest World Series championship drought will reach a 71st anniversary.

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers' Enrique Hernandez (14) steals second base against Atlanta Braves second baseman Ozzie Albies (1) during the seventh inning in Game 4 of baseball's National League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Atlanta.

Red Sox embarrass Yanks in front of sellout crowd

NEW YORK (AP) — Their ace got booed off the mound, loudly. Their manager let things get out of hand. And their backup catcher wound up pitching.

"It was an embarrassing day today," New York Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius said.

Not much else to say after the Yankees absorbed the most-lopsided loss in their distinguished, 396-game postseason history, routed by the Boston Red Sox 16-1 Monday night in the AL Division Series.

Now down 2-1 and in danger of being eliminated in the best-of-five matchup, they'll turn to CC Sabathia on Tuesday night in hopes of saving their season. Rick Porcello starts for Boston.

"No choice but to flush," manager Aaron Boone said. "The good thing about today is it's one game. And as awful of a night as it was for us, we got to turn the page. And tomorrow's obviously do or die."

Luis Severino looked out of sorts from the start. There was a TBS report that he began to warm up only 10 minutes before the game began, but Boone insisted he had enough time to get ready. Severino also said there was no issue.

"I always go to the bullpen 10 minutes before the game," Severino said. "I warm up quickly."

The game fell apart quickly, too.

Severino was tagged for six runs on seven hits and two walks in three-plus innings. Jeered as he walked to the dugout during a seven-run burst in the fourth, it soon was 10-0.

By the seventh, the stands had started to empty. The fans who left early missed a bit of history—Austin Romine became just the second position player to pitch in a postseason game.

The second-string catcher actually hit 90 mph with his fastball. And he squarely hit Brock Holt's bat, and the result was a two-run homer in the ninth that gave Holt the first cycle in postseason history.

"I was just trying to get it over the plate," Romine said.

Romine joined Toronto infielder Cliff Pennington, who pitched in the 2015 AL playoffs against Kansas City, as non-pitchers to take the hill at this time of year.

"No, I didn't envision myself getting into the playoffs in this role," he said.

Holt's homer helped the Red Sox post the biggest rout of the Yankees in postseason play, surpassing Arizona's 15-2 pasting in Game 6 of the 2001 World Series.

A sellout crowd arrived early at Yankee Stadium, loudly chanting and cheering even before the teams lined up for pre-game introductions. Clearly, no one rooting for the home team expected anything like this.

Catcher Gary Sanchez dropped a pitch on a stolen base that set up Boston's first run. Left fielder Andrew McCutchen was slow to retrieve a hit that proved costly. And Boone was slow to pull a struggling Severino, admitting he could've made the move sooner, rather than waiting until Boston loaded the bases in a hurry.

"I mean, in hindsight because he didn't get an out, sure," Boone said.

And when Boone did call for a reliever, he summoned a starter, Lance Lynn, rather than someone from the deep New York bullpen.

Lynn promptly walked Mookie Betts on four pitches to force home a run that made it 4-0, then gave up a three-run double to Andrew Benintendi.

Modric, Mbappe in running for Ballon d'Or

PARIS (AP)—Luka Modric and Kylian Mbappe are in the running to break Lionel Messi's and Cristiano Ronaldo's 10-year dominance of the Ballon d'Or.

The World Cup finalist and champion, respectively, are nominees for this year's award, alongside Brazilian forward Marta. For the first time, France Football magazine is awarding the individual trophy to a woman and a man on Dec. 3 in Paris.

The last player to win the trophy before Ronaldo and Messi took over was Kaka in 2007. This year, Ronaldo and Messi have not been as dominant, leaving the door open for a new winner.

Marta features among the 15 women's nominees unveiled on Monday along with Lyon players Ada Hegerberg of Norway and Dzsenifer Marozsan of Germany.

Mbappe won the World Cup for France in Russia, where he became the first teenager to score in a final since Pele in 1958. France beat Modric's Croatia 4-2 in the final, and the latter was voted player of the tournament.

Last month, the technically gifted Modric won FIFA's best player award, and is regarded as the front-runner for the Ballon d'Or.

The France Football award merged with FIFA's player of the year from 2010-15, but they split two years ago.

In addition to guiding Croatia to the World Cup final, Modric also won the Champions league with Real Madrid.

Mbappe also helped Paris Saint-Germain to a domestic treble last season.

Ronaldo and Messi are also among the 30 male nominees.

AP

Croatia's Luka Modric, left, and France's Kylian Mbappe, battle for the ball during the final match between France and Croatia at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, July 15, 2018.

They have shared the past 10 Ballon d'Or trophies, winning five times each.

Antoine Griezmann, Neymar, Gareth Bale, Mohamed Salah, and Sergio Aguero are also listed. Bale scored with a bicycle kick for Madrid in the Champions League final, while Salah enjoyed a breathtaking first season with Liverpool, bagging 32 goals in the English Premier League.

Among prominent names who did not make the cut was PSG goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, who finished fourth last year but was penalized by Italy's absence from the World Cup.

Women's nominees: Lucy Bronze, Pernille Harder, Ada Hegerberg, Amandine Henry, Lindsay Horan, Fran Kirby, Sam Kerr, Saki Kumagai, Amel Majri, Dzsenifer Maroszan, Marta, Lieke Martens, Megan Rapinoe, Wendie Renard, and Christine Sinclair.

Men's nominees: Sergio Aguero, Alisson, Gareth Bale, Karim Benzema, Edinson Cavani, Thibaut Courtois, Cristiano Ronaldo, Kevin De Bruyne, Roberto Firmino, Diego Godin, Antoine Griezmann, Eden Hazard, Isco, Harry Kane, N'Golo Kante, Hugo Lloris, Mario Mandzukic, Sadio Mane, Marcelo, Kylian Mbappe, Lionel Messi, Luka Modric, Neymar, Jan Oblak, Paul Pogba, Ivan Rakitic, Mohamed Salah, Sergio Ramos, Luis Suarez, and Raphael Varane.

Meanwhile, former Chelsea and England captain John Terry has announced his retirement.

"After 23 incredible years as a footballer, I have decided now is the right time to retire from playing," Terry said Sunday. "As a 14-year-old, I made my best and biggest decision: to sign for Chelsea Football Club.

"Words will never be enough to show how much everyone at the club means to me, in particular the fans. My club career and heart will always belong to Chelsea. I look forward to the next chapter in my life and the challenges ahead."

The 37-year-old center half captained Aston Villa in the second tier of English football last season, but left the club in the summer.

Villa fired manager Steve Bruce last week and media reports have linked Terry with a job on the coaching staff.

Having joined the Chelsea youth ranks, Terry made his senior debut in 1998 and was appointed captain in 2004. His physical presence, anticipation, and leadership qualities made him the outstanding figure in defense as the club enjoyed a run of trophy success.

On the continent, he collected the Champions League in 2012, despite being suspended for the final, and the Europa League the following year. As the key cog in Chelsea's resurgence after its 2003 takeover by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, Terry also won the Premier League five times, the FA Cup five times, and the League Cup on three occasions.

Terry held on to the Chelsea captaincy despite being banned for four matches and fined in 2012 for racially abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand.

In 2001, Terry was one of four players fined two weeks' wages by Chelsea after their behavior at a Heathrow hotel was criticized on the day after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Terry constantly attracted the strong backing of Chelsea fans who have a banner at Stamford Bridge which reads, "Captain. Leader. Legend."

He scored six goals in 78 appearances for England

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instead of Vince Cepeda, who was then left to sit at the bench. Officials halted the match and later continued it after recognizing the Mariners' protest. SBL officials are expected to meet before Game 3 of the series to decide on the issue, while Game 2 will be played tonight.

GSM was off to a strong start in the short series after scoring in each of the first five innings of Game 1 for a 11-5 advantage. GSM made three runs each at the bottom of the fourth and fifth inning and two apiece in the second and third, making up for a one-run performance in the opening. GSM had seven runs off the Mariners' errors, two from passed balls, and one each off wild pitch and fielder's choice.

The Mariners, on the other hand, were held to two runs in the first four innings before making a move in the next three after combining for eight runs to stay in the game. The Mariners tallied three runs after they caught GSM fielding a wrong player on the defensive end at the top of the seventh.

However, that was also the last time the Mariners reached, as closer L.J. Sebaklim struck out Ton Tenorio to end the top of the eighth and left runners on second and third stranded.

GSM then added two more runs at the bottom of the eighth for more cushion and wrapped the match with a 1-2-3 inning at the top of the ninth.

Meanwhile, the Chalan Kanoa Bears were gunning for a sweep in their own series against the Aces last night and results of Game 2 were unavailable as off press time. The Bears took Game 1 last Wednesday, 6-4, to move a win away from making it to the finals and dethroning

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the first game last Monday.

The match was close for most of the night, as PIC Saipan's advantage never exceeded by 5 points.

Raymund Tolentino, Sean Rabasto, and James Abuy knocked in important baskets in the fourth quarter to hand PIC Saipan its third win in four games.

Rabasto had 13 points in the third period, while Tolentino and Abuy combined for 12. Abuy led all scorers with his 24 points, 21 of them came from the 3-point area, while Rabasto finished with 21.

Jun Tabora also had 21 markers for MJD and 10 of them came in the fourth quarter, but his efforts were ultimately not enough to topple PIC. MJD absorbed its first loss in three games.

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the deciding third set, 15-10.

For its second game that day, GCA swept Kagman High School, but the win was not that easy, especially in the second set. The Lady Eagles prevailed by nine points in the first set, 25-16 and then won by only two in the second, 25-23. GCA wrapped up the shutout victory with a 15-9 triumph in the third.

In other results last Thursday, Saipan International School took the first two sets of its match over MHS, 25-9, 25-14, to gain the automatic victory. The Lady Dolphins saved some face after topping the third set, 15-9.

With the win, SIS kept the No. 4 spot with its 6-4 record, just a notch behind Saipan Southern (7-3), while MHS (4-6) is at the bottom half of the team standings along with Kagman (4-6), and Agape Christian School (0-11).

Two more playing days are left in the regular season before the final rankings and playoff seedings are determined. Seeding is important, as the Top 4 will be paired against the lower-ranked teams in the first round of the double-elimination playoffs. Tinian and Rota teams, if they make it to this weekend's playoffs, will be seeded No. 5 and 6, respectively.

League-leading GCA was scheduled to face Saipan Southern yesterday in the 5:30pm match on the north court, while MHS and Mt. Carmel were set to collide on the south court. Other pairings in the penultimate day of the regulation were Agape vs SIS and Mt. Carmel vs Kagman at 4:30pm. Tomorrow, GCA will have its last two games against SIS and MHS, while Mt. Carmel will close out its assignment against Saipan Southern.

Playoff games will begin this Friday at 12pm, while Game 1 of the finals is set for Saturday, starting at 1pm. Game 2, in necessary will also be played on Saturday at 2pm.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	2	0	.600	133	108
Miami	3	2	0	.600	99	117
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	63	118
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	123	105

South

Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	87	86
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	102	86
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	124
Indianapolis	1	4	0	.200	118	138

North

Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	153	130
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	132	77
Cleveland	2	2	1	.500	114	113
Pittsburgh	2	2	1	.500	143	133

West

Kansas City	5	0	0	1.000	175	129
L.A. Chargers	3	2	0	.600	137	130
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100	131
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	107	149

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Washington	2	2	0	.500	83	87
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	83	96
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	103	104
N.Y. Giants	1	4	0	.200	104	128

South

New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	180	140
Carolina	3	1	0	.750	104	91
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	112	139
Atlanta	1	4	0	.200	133	163

North

Chicago	3	1	0	.750	111	65
Minnesota	2	2	1	.500	113	131
Green Bay	2	2	1	.500	115	114
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	125	137

West

L.A. Rams	5	0	0	1.000	173	98
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	116	114
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	65	112
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	118	146

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2018 Marianas Cup Awarding

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The CNMI Women's U19 National Team players and officials pose with their medals after beating Guam, 3-2, in the 2018 Marianas Cup held last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The Guam Women's U19 National Team players and officials are all smiles after getting their medals.

Guam's Kyle Halehale, left, poses with the MVP trophy and Guam Football Association executive director Cheri Stewart.

The CNMI Men's U17 National Team players and officials gather for a photo after receiving their medals.

The CNMI's Jerlyn Castillo, second left, is all smiles as she receives the MVP trophy from Northern Mariana Islands Football Association vice president Vickie Izuka, right.

East Asian Football Federation and Korea Football Association Chung Mong-gyu presents the champion's trophy to Guam players and officials.

NMIFA president Jerry Tan, right, and Guam Football Association head Tino San Gil shake hands with members of the CNMI Men's U17 National Team during the medals presentation.

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Tight race for top seeding

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Grace Christian Academy and Mt. Carmel School are in a close fight for the top seeding in the 2018-2019 PSS Interscholastic Volleyball League.

The Lady Eagles, pending results of yesterday's matches in the girls high school division at the Marianas High School Gymnasium, are on top of the team rankings with their 8-1 record after earning back-to-back victories last Thursday. The Knights also played last week and recorded one win for a 7-2 mark.

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Grace Christian Academy's Jasmine Phan hits the ball during their game against Mt. Carmel School in the 2018-2019 PSS Interscholastic Volleyball League last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium

Mt. Carmel was pitted against Saipan Southern High School and prevailed in all three sets to take win No. 7. The Lady Knights pulled off a 25-20 triumph in the opening set and then eased past the Lady Rays in the second, 25-12 for the outright victory. Mt. Carmel went on to complete the sweep with a 15-10 win in the third set.

GCA, on the other hand, needed three sets to thwart MHS in the first game last week. The Lady Dolphins stunned the league-leading team in the first set, 25-20, but missed earning the upset when the Lady Eagles battled back in the second with a 25-18 victory. GCA then grabbed the win after outclassing MHS in

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PIC Saipan, Kensington secure victory

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Kensington Hotel barely edged Kanoa Krushers, 77-75, during the second game in the IT&E Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 Mixed Masters Brotherhood Basketball League last Saturday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

While Kensington maintained a slight lead at the end of each quarter, Kanoa battled resiliently and kept the game close until the last buzzer. However, Kensington still prevailed after making four clutch free throws—three from Webster and one from Arnold Arrelano. Arrelano exploded for 27 points, while Webster chipped in 12, including 8 points in the fourth quarter.

Jun Alipio and Elmer Pineda contributed 9 and 8 points for Kensington, which bagged its third straight victory.

Kanoa had a balanced effort, as it had four players with 8 points or more. Joseph Fejeran led Kanoa with his 16 points, while Rommel Quintip, Edmund Bata, and Ramsa Tenepere added 10, 9, and 8 markers, respectively. Kanoa is still winless after two games.

Meanwhile, Pacific Islands Club came out on top of their game against MJD, 79-71, in

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Sean Rabasto is up against three Islander Rent A Car defenders during an earlier game in the IT&E Emon Lodge caging at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

GSM wins, but Mariners place Game 1 under protest

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Protest marred Game 1 of the best-of-three semis series between Go See Mark and the Mariners in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League last Tuesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

GSM was on top at the conclusion of their semis opener, 14-10, but the Mariners placed the results of Game 1 under protest, as the former put the wrong player on the leftfield at the top of the seventh inning. GSM was ahead, 12-7, and the Mariners' John Villagomez was about to bat when the trailing squad noticed that Ton Camacho was at leftfield

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Go See Mark players exchange high-fives after Game 1 of their semis series against the Mariners in the 2018 Saipan Baseball League last Tuesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.